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HEAVY FIGHTING NORTH OF WARSAW: POLES CLAIM IMPORTANT LODZ SUCCESS

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT]

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Shanghai, To-day.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT in the military outlook in Poland is evident from the latest reports, which confirm the recapture of Lodz by the Polish Army.

The Polish Telegraphic Agency, giving details of the successful counter-offensive, says that large quantities of war materials fell into Polish hands.

—Our Own Correspondent.

Reuter's latest reports indicate, however, that the threat to Warsaw has not been entirely removed.

The principal feature of the war communique from the Polish front, according to the despatch, is the evidence that fierce fighting is taking

place for the possession of the old Napoleonic fortress of Modlin, fifteen miles to the north-west of Warsaw, from where the greatest menace is now coming.

The German Radio claims that Modlin has been taken, while Polish communiques state that all attacks have been repulsed.

HEAVY PRESSURE

It is admitted that the Polish forces around Kaluszyn, to the east of Warsaw, are withdrawing under the pressure of numerous mechanised units.

Near Annopol, north of Dandomierz, the enemy has crossed the Vistula, the Polish communique adds.

The Lord Mayor of Warsaw has recorded, in a broadcast, the instantaneous response to his appeal for volunteers to man the defences of the capital, in order to break the enemy's onslaught and make Warsaw the turning-point in the campaign.—Reuter.

SCHOOL TO STAY CLOSED

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that schools in Great Britain will not be re-opened until all necessary A.R.P. work has been completed.

Shelters are now being constructed on all school buildings in the relief zones.—Reuter.

GOERING-HITLER CONFERENCE

London, To-day.

It is reported that Goering and Hitler are to confer at Hitler's headquarters in Poland in the course of the day.

According to German communiques, medals are being awarded to certain Nazi airmen.—Reuter.

MYSTERY SUBMARINE OFF MEXICO

London, To-day.

Two Mexican destroyers will investigate a report that a large submarine, of unknown nationality, is lurking off Coatzacoalcas (Puerto Mexico), the most important oil port in the south-central part of the Gulf of Mexico.

The captain of a Mexican oil tanker reports that the submarine inspected his craft, but did not approach closely.—Reuter.

NAZI PLANE FIRED ON

London, To-day.

A German plane which crossed Danish territorial waters near Copenhagen yesterday was fired on by a Danish torpedo-boat.

The plane was inspecting the German mine-field from the air and crossed over Danish waters.—Reuter.

ITALIAN LINER SETS OUT FROM N.Y.

Rome, To-day.

The first big Italian liner to venture on the Atlantic since the outbreak of war left New York yesterday. She was the s.s. Roma and she carried over 300 passengers for Italy.—Reuter.

TRYING TO HIDE THE GRIM TRUTH

London, To-day.

The German Propaganda Ministry is trying to conceal all news of the Anglo-French decision not to compromise with the Nazi regime over the fight for Poland, announced the Ministry of Information last night.

The British Ministry emphasizes the futility of the German hope that Germany can make peace with Poland on the basis of the return of the former German provinces.

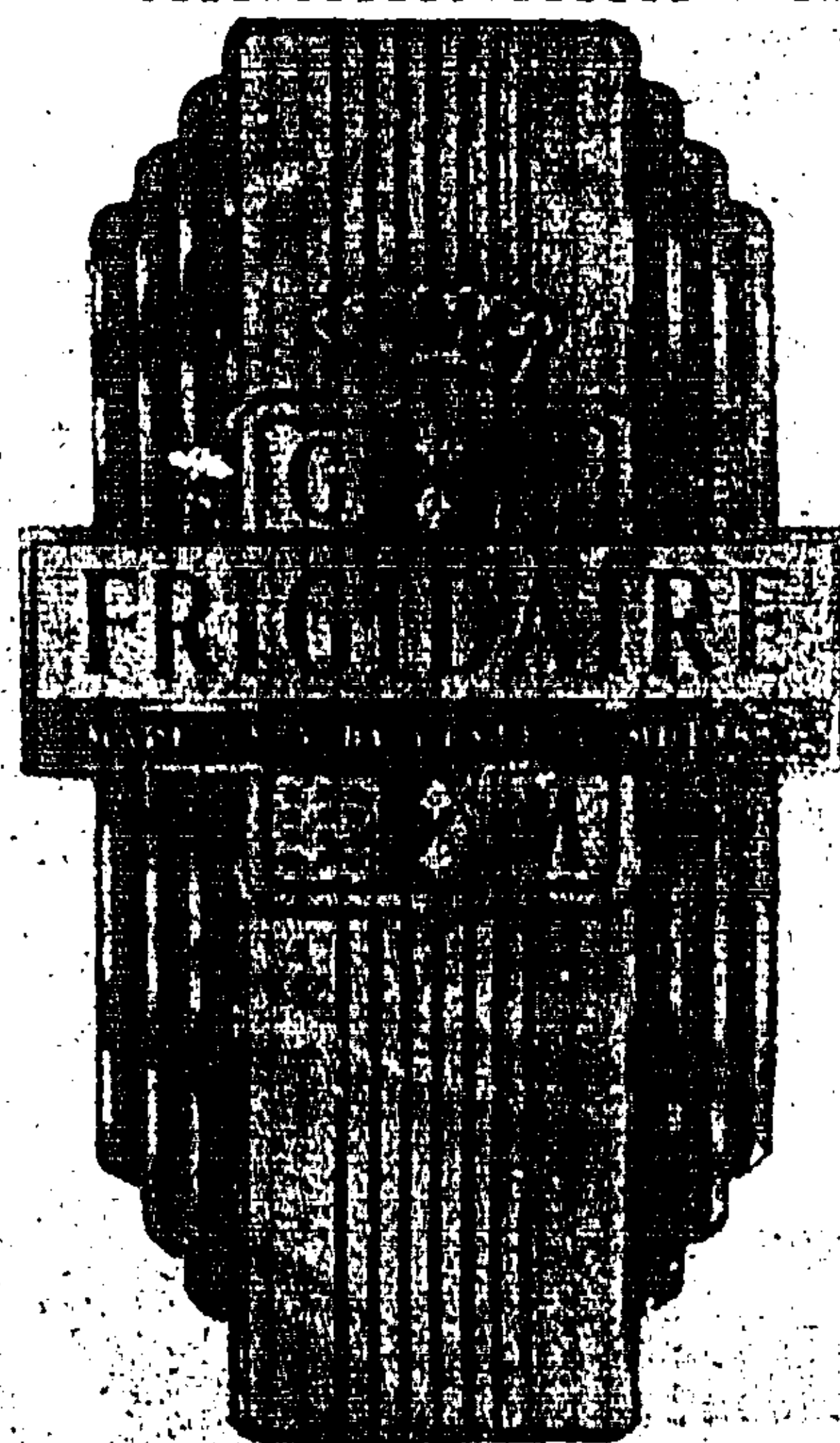
Britain's decision remains unchanged. Peace can only be negotiated with a government in Germany whose word can be trusted and wrong done changed by right.—Reuter.

GREEK STEAMER BLOWN UP

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GERMAN THREAT TO BOMB OPEN TOWNS

London, To-day.

LORD STRABOLGI in the House of Lords last night, said that feelings might become very bitter and there might be a demand for reprisals against the German threat to bomb open towns and villages.

We do not want to descend to the level of the barbarisms carried on in Germany, but at the same time we do not want to tie the hands of our commanders, even if it brought loss and suffering to civilian populations.

In reply to a question whether the German Government had agreed not to use poison-gas, if the other Powers did not, Lord Halifax said that he hoped to give a more precise answer to-day.

Lord Halifax was asked what effect the German announcement of the Nazis intention to bomb towns and civilian populations would have on the British and French declaration that they would refrain from such activity provided the same assurance was given by the enemy.

FREEDOM OF ACTION

Lord Halifax replied that the restrictions on the British forces were based on a similar restraint on the part of the enemy. If the enemy did not exercise this restraint, then the British Government must hold itself free to take such action as might be deemed appropriate.—Reuter.

NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION

London, To-day.

In reply to a question in the House of Lords yesterday on the Government's attitude concerning the non-bombing of civilian populations, the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, referred to the announcement of the German Government yesterday morning that they would bomb open towns, villages and hamlets in Poland in order to overcome the resistance of the civilian population.

Lord Halifax said that hitherto he had received no official confirmation, but if this were true it would be a direct contradiction of the statement of the German Chancellor in the Reichstag, and there could be no justification for the indiscriminate bombardment of civilians, whether from land or air.

Lord Halifax added: "The restrictions His Majesty's Government has imposed on the operations of its own forces were based on the condition of similar restraint being observed by their opponents."

"His Majesty's Government must

JAPANESE LOSE THREE PLANES

Chungking, To-day.

Air Defence Headquarters announce that of 27 Japanese planes, which raided Wanhhsien on Tuesday, three were shot down by Chinese anti-aircraft batteries and crashed near the town.

Seven other machines were hit by anti-aircraft shells and are believed to have also crashed.

According to information from an observation post in west Hupeh, only 17 enemy planes were sighted on the return journey.—Central News.

HOME NURSING LECTURES

The Home Nursing lectures, which were to be held at the Queen Mary Hospital and the Kowloon Hospital on Thursday, September 14, at 8 p.m., are postponed for one week, owing to the Red Cross meeting which is being held at Government House.

The lecture will be resumed on Thursday, September 21, at 8 p.m.

hold themselves completely free if such restraint is not, in fact, observed, to take such action as they may deem appropriate.—Reuter.

NOTHING NEW

London, To-day.

Commenting on Germany's declared intention to bomb open towns in Poland, the Polish Embassy states that the Germans have been bombing open towns since the outset of the war.

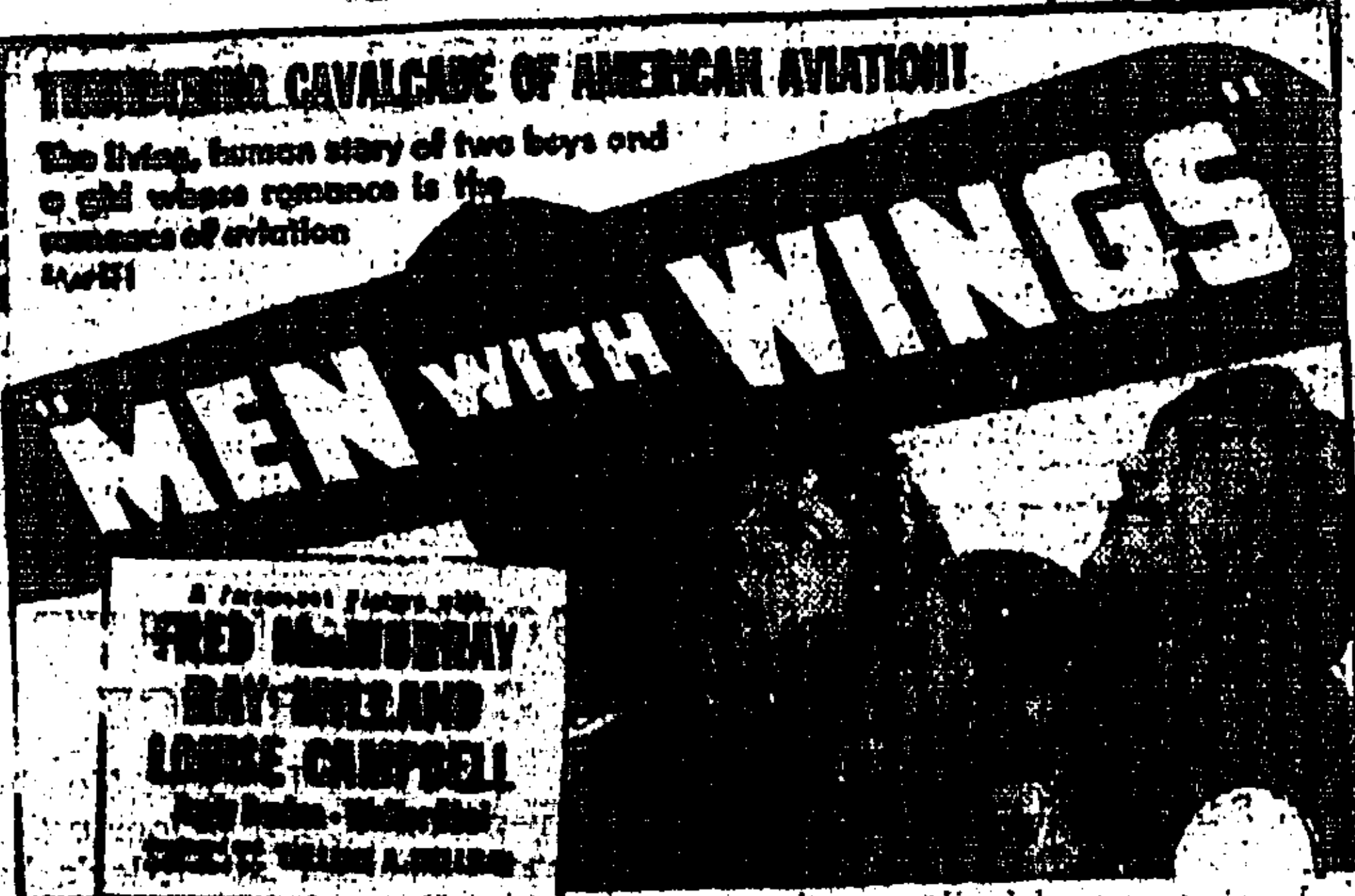
Between Sept. 1 and Sept. 3, over 1,500 persons were officially listed as killed, in addition to many thousands of wounded.—Reuter.

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WANG CHING-WEI TO MAKE DOUBLE TENTH HIS OPENING DAY

Peiping, To-day.

INFORMED CHINESE political circles forecast that Wang Ching-wei's central government will be established by October 10.

Wang Keh-min, head of the Peiping government, flies to Shanghai on Sunday to participate in preliminary discussions.

It is stated here that the provisional government will contribute five Ministers, the reformed government three, Wang Ching-wei bringing in the remainder from his followers.

Wang Keh-min, it is stated, will remain in Peiping as head of a semi-independent political council which will exercise influence north of the Yellow River and will be run on similar lines to the Hopei-Chahar Council before hostilities began.—Reuter.

NOT LIABLE IN COLONY

Declaring that the case did not come within the jurisdiction of local courts, Mr. R. Edwards this morning, discharged Shum Ng-tai, 28, salesman and cashier of the Kwong Sang Hong Company, who was alleged to have embezzled \$6,988.75 in Chinese currency.

Mr. P. Y. Wu, representing defendant, said he was employed as a cashier. He was sent to Kwong-chauwan to collect accounts, and spent the money. The head office in Hong Kong was informed and defendant promised to pay it back, but when he arrived in the Colony, he refused to pay, and was arrested.

FORGERY CASE

The case in which Chan Sap, 28, a married woman, is charged with uttering a forged \$5 note of the Mercantile Bank of India at No. 373, Nathan Road, on September 9, and with unlawful possession, was fixed for hearing on September 21 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser is in charge of the case.

An amah employed at No. 11, Austin Road, has informed the police that between 10 p.m. and midnight on Tuesday, her quarters were entered through a window, and money and jewellery to the value of \$136 stolen.

ENGLAND WANTS ITS SPORT

London, To-day.

Sporting organisations are eager to resume in some form in order to give relief from war worries.

There has been feverish activity in the soccer world and a pretty full programme is assured for Saturday.

Twenty friendlies in which the leading League teams will take part have been arranged while six Rugby League friendlies have been arranged.

The authorities will keep a strict eye on the crowds and may, if necessary, restrict admittance to tickets only in some places in future weeks if crowds are too large.—Reuter.

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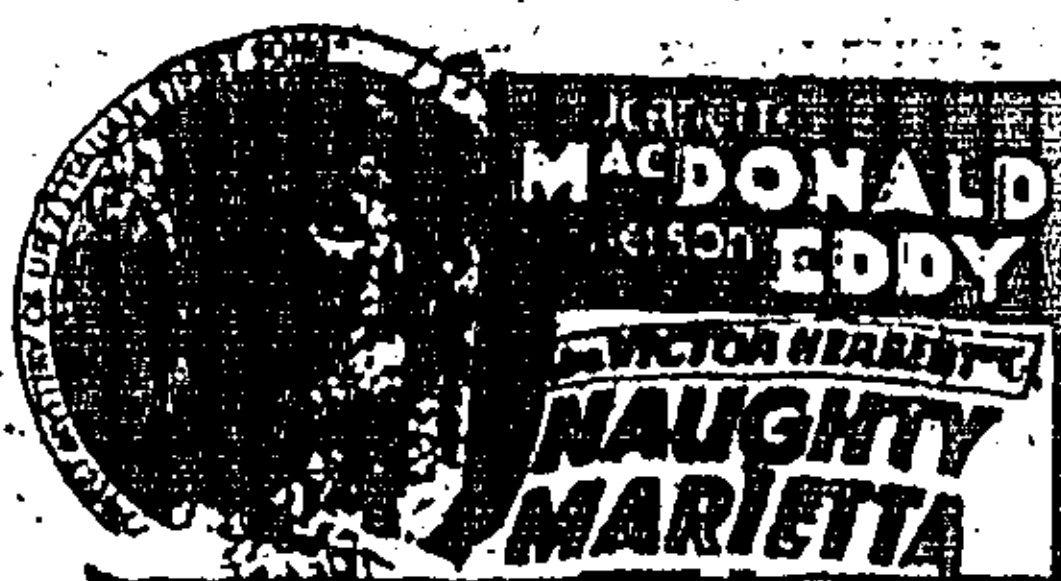
Miss J. G. Weller, of the Royal Observatory, has reported that between September 3 and Sunday last, some person stole a watch from her office. The watch was valued at \$190.

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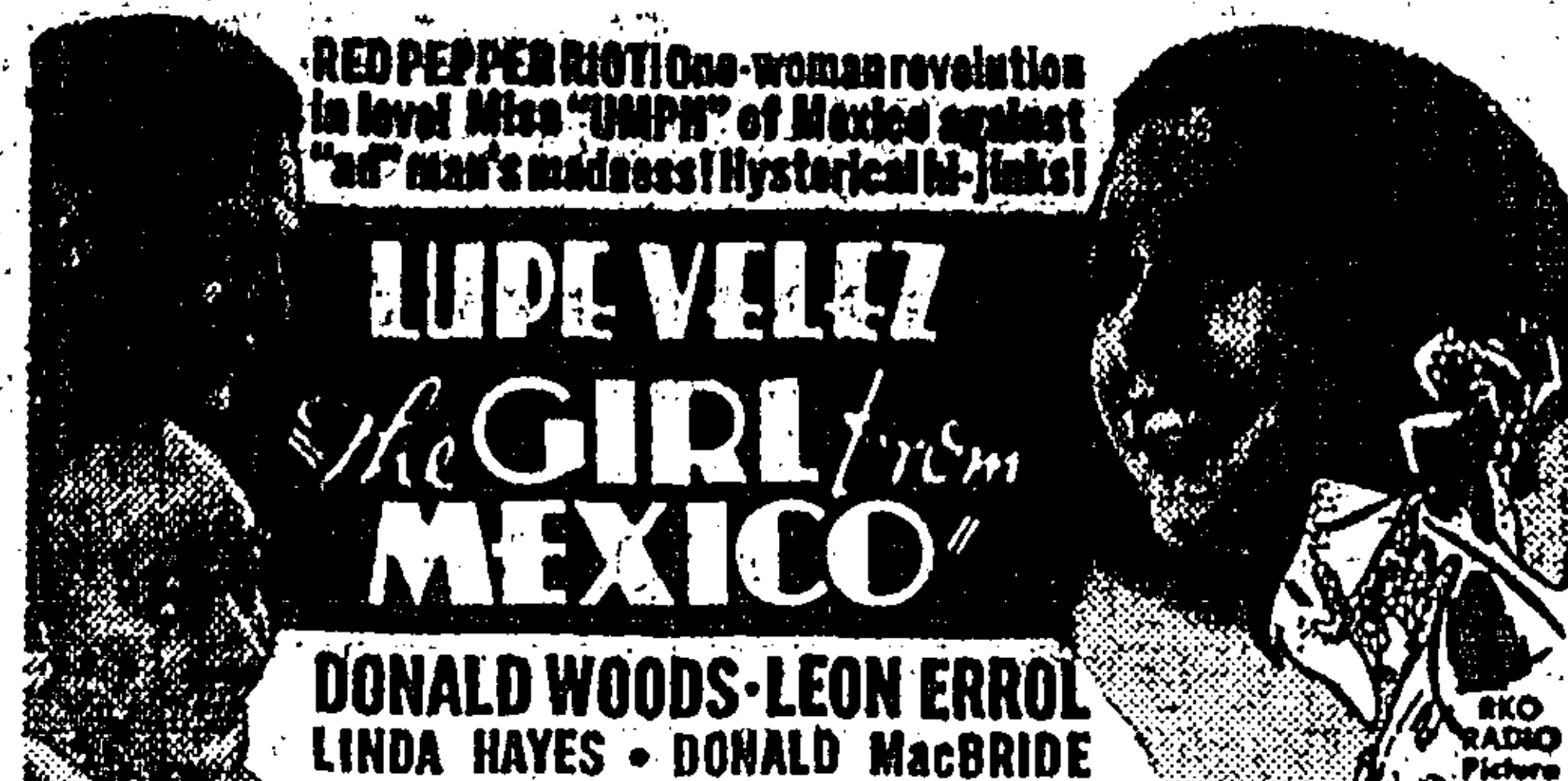
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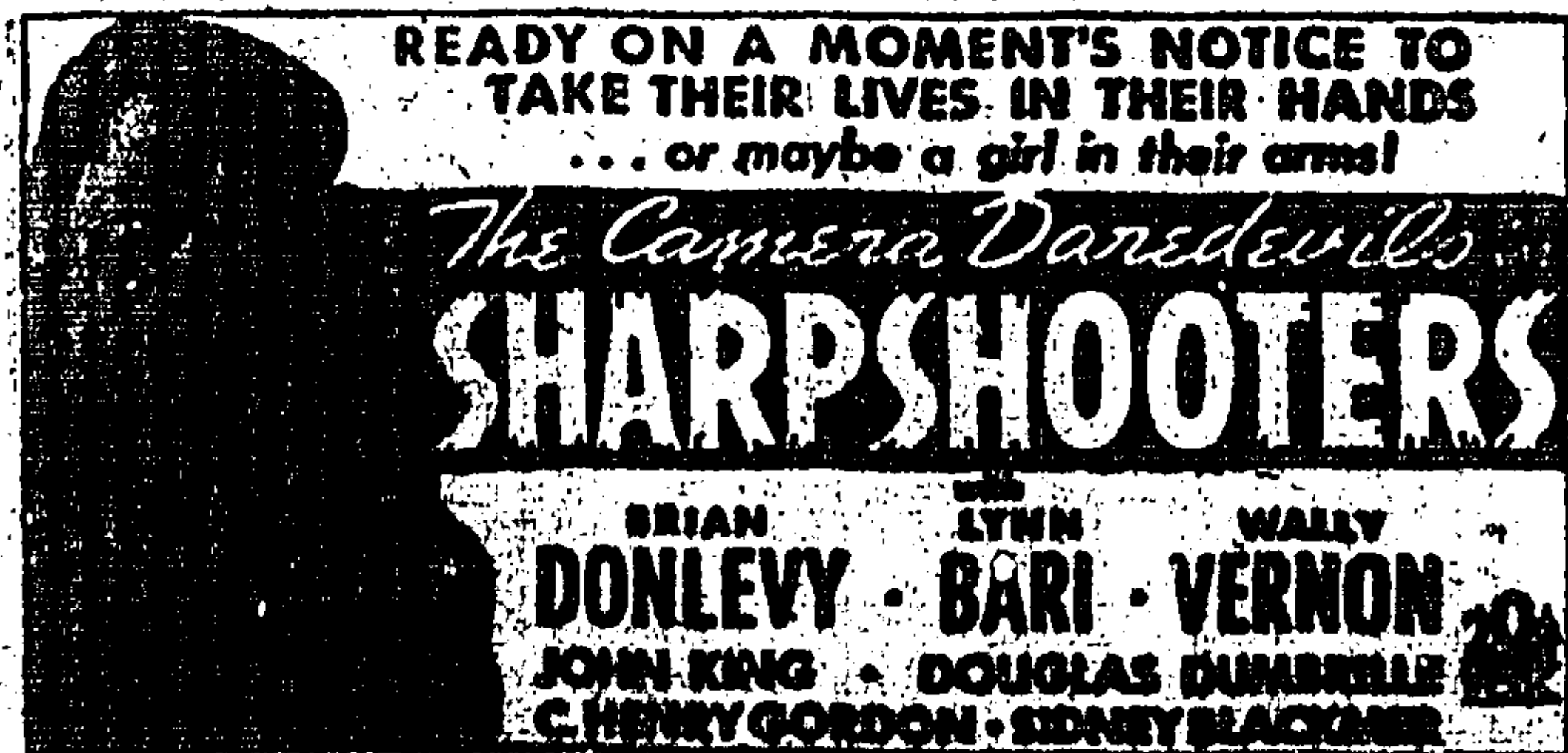
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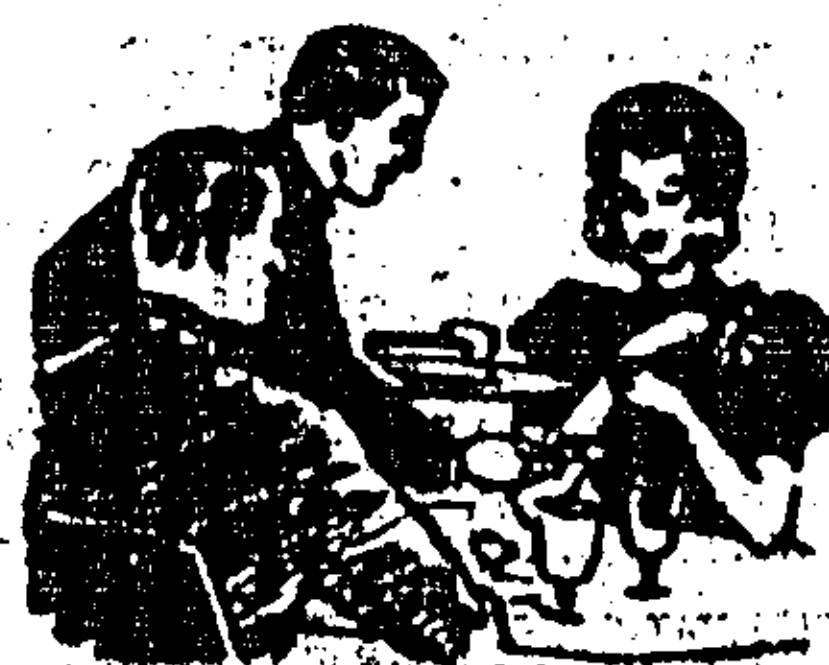
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AMERICAN C. IN C. RACING BACK TO SHANGHAI: JAPS ISSUE AN "INVITATION"

Shanghai, To-day.

CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION has been caused in foreign circles in Shanghai by the fact that the Japanese this morning invited the heads of all foreign troops manning the defence sectors to a conference.

The meeting was called for 10.30 a.m. to-day, but no indication was offered in the request made by the Japanese military authorities as to what is to be discussed at the meeting.

It is freely reported that the Japanese intend to press for an arrangement whereby the forces of all countries concerned in the European War withdraw, meaning, of course, the British and the French, as there are no German or Polish troops in Shanghai.

The pretext for the demand is "in order to preserve Shanghai's neutrality."

It should be emphasised, however that there is no confirmation of such reports and that a Japanese spokesman in Tokyo said the other day that the Japanese Government was not contemplating such a measure for the moment.

ADMIRAL HART RETURNING

At the same time, Admiral Hart, the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Squadron, who left Shanghai only a week ago, is hurrying back from Tsingtao and is due back in Shanghai to-morrow in the U.S.S. Isabel.

It is understood that Admiral Hart's return is connected with the general question of the foreign defence sectors in Shanghai.—Reuter.

RUMOUR DISCOUNTED

Our Shanghai correspondent adds that it has now been announced that the rumour current that the Sixth Regiment, U.S. Marines, was under orders to proceed to Shanghai, lacks foundation.

Mr. Cordell Hull has made it clear that the war has not affected the Far Eastern policy of the United States and that a firm stand will be taken against any encroachments in Shanghai.

VATICAN AND THE WAR

VATICAN CITY, TO-DAY. THE HOLY SEE IS PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE ANY MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE THE MORAL AND MATERIAL DAMAGE OF WAR, PARTICULARLY FOR CHILDREN AND OLD PEOPLE.

If requested, the Vatican will concern itself with prisoners of war. No action has yet been formulated, but the Papal Nuncios have received general information.—Reuter.

INTERNMENT OF GERMANS IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day. German men between the ages of 50 and 60, living in France, have been ordered to assemble at various places in Paris in order to be interned.

Those between the ages of 17 and 50 have already been interned.—Reuter.

COMMONS MEETING TWO MORE DAYS

London, To-day. The House of Commons will meet again to-day and on Friday this week.—British Wireless.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT PROROGUED

London, To-day.

Lord Tweedsmuir, the Canadian Governor-General, yesterday prorogued the special session of Parliament.

This followed the Government's approval of the last six items of war measures.

In Australia, the Country Party adopted a resolution which states that it is essential that a composite Ministry should be formed on just terms.—Reuter.

RAIDS ON OPIUM DENS

WHOLESALE RAIDS ON OPIUM DENS IN THE WANCHAI DISTRICT WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE POLICE LATE LAST NIGHT AND EARLY THIS MORNING.

Opium dens in Tai Yuen East Street, Tai Woo Street, Wanchai Road and Spring Garden Lane, were entered by the raiding parties consisting of European, Chinese and Indian police.

Some 20 Chinese men and women were taken into custody and over 100 taels of prepared opium seized in the course of 20 raids.

It is reported that non-Government opium smoked by addicts has increased in cost by 100 per cent., being now sold at \$8 per tael.

THE TYPHOON

The Royal Observatory reports that moderate anti-cyclones cover Japan and N. China. A trough of low pressure extends from Indo-China to the Caroline Islands.

The depression is situated about 200 miles to the N.N.E. of Yap, moving W.N.W.

MISSING GIRL

The whereabouts of a 15-year-old mui-tsai, Chun Chin-piu, is being sought by the Police.

The girl's mistress reported that her ward had been missing since 9.15 a.m. yesterday from No. 3, Prince's Terrace.

WOMAN'S LOSS

Mrs. G. Remes-Street, residing at the Hong Kong Hotel, at about 11.30 a.m. yesterday, was robbed of her handbag, containing money and articles valued at \$109.50. It was stolen from the counter of the J.C.J.L.

FERRY STOPPED

Owing to passenger-traffic having reduced to between 5 and 10 persons each trip, the Hong Kong-Namtau Ferry Service suspended this morning.

PARIS CINEMAS TO REOPEN

Paris, To-day.

Certain cinemas in Paris are to be allowed to re-open.

The relaxation of restrictions applies to those cinemas which are within 150 yards of an air raid shelter. All cinemas must close at 10 p.m.—Reuter.

MIDDLESEX MEN AGAIN REMANDED

A FURTHER REMAND WAS ORDERED BY MR. E. HIMSWORTH THIS MORNING WHEN THREE MEN OF THE MIDDLESEX REGT. APPEARED ON CHARGES OF ROBBERY AND ASSAULT.

Accused, Percy Middleton, 23, James Wright, 24, and George Edward Chesterfield, 24, are alleged to have assaulted Wong Kai-yu and robbed him of a wrist watch in Hankow Road.

Another man, Cyril Kennedy, who is alleged to have taken part, is still in hospital and, Wong Kai-yu is also in hospital as the result of the incident.

ITALY'S ATTITUDE

London, To-day.

Writing in "Journale d'Italia" yesterday, Signor Virginio Gayda says that Italy's attitude will be defined gradually.

Italy's attitude can be defined only by Italy, and according to the general view of Italian interests.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN BREAK THROUGH IN MANCHURIA

Peiping, To-day.

Local movements and news from Manchukuo is causing much speculation whether the new Japanese army command in China will pay more attention to China or Russia.

The Japanese spokesman admits that a number of empty military trains have gone down the Kinkun Railway, presumably to bring up troops from Shansi.

Meanwhile, very reliable foreign reports filtering in from Manchuria, declare that a few days ago the Russians broke through the Japanese centre on the Nomonhan front.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE

The messages quote reliable Japanese sources in Hsinking as stating that the Russians advanced five kilometres on a 30-kilometre front, and so the general expectation here is renewed Japanese action to restore the Manchukuo frontier.—Reuter.

THE SPIRIT OF LONDON



Guards posted at one of London's West End night clubs, operate handsomely with an official of the Air Raid Precautions Department by truck in gas masks.

SUCCESSES IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST SUBMARINES, CLAIMED BY THE PREMIER

London, To-day.

IN HIS STATEMENT on the international situation in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, referred to the purpose of the meeting of the Supreme War Council in France on Tuesday.

It was intended, he said, to make possible a direct and personal exchange of views. It was not intended to discuss technical strategical questions, as there the closest contact was already being maintained.

The present situation was fully examined and measures to be taken in the immediate future were discussed. Further meetings will be arranged in order to keep in the closest touch on all major aspects of the conduct of the war.

He was able to assure the House that both the British and French peoples were not only determined to honour to the full their obligations to Poland but to end for all time the living under the perpetual threat of Nazi aggression. There must be no peace until the menace of Hitlerism is removed.

He emphasized that at the meeting there was complete agreement on every point and question.

He went on to refer to the determination of the peoples of the British Commonwealth overseas. Their determination was shown not only in words, but in deeds also.

He could not give details of all the measures of defence adopted in overseas parts of the Empire, but measures of a far-reaching character had been taken in the "pursuit of the common purpose, the fulfilment of the common task."

MAIN THEATRE

Turning to the progress of the war, he said that the Eastern front was still the main zone of operations. The Germans seemed to be endeavouring to force a decision there before they were compelled to transfer part of their forces to the west to meet the Allied threat.

That these hopes have so far failed to be realised is due to the indomitable spirit of the Poles, who refuse to be intimidated.

The French had begun a methodical advance, and although they were naturally reticent at this stage, it was a preliminary phase which had been completely successful.

The R.A.F. coastal command has carried out extensive reconnaissances and anti-submarine patrols, and a number of attacks have been carried out against German submarines.

POLISH NAVY

Three destroyers of the Polish Navy have joined the Royal Navy and are taking a full part in its strenuous activities. They are very efficient.

The Navy's chief task must be to ensure the freedom and safety of the seas. German submarine attacks are being continued and a certain number of British ships have been sunk and our losses have been somewhat severe.

This must be expected at first, as the war came at a moment when our merchant fleet was scattered over the seas. Even before war started, Germany had placed her submarines and supply ships in the best strategic positions, and it was not surprising that we lost several ships.

It is impossible to apply the convoy system while many of our ships are still on the high seas. Plans are progressing, however, and it is operating daily with ever-increasing efficiency.

SUCCESSES AGAINST SUBMARINES

Submarines are being constantly attacked and successes have been achieved.

Regarding civil defence, he said that steps are being taken to deal with the problems in an altogether "novel form." A sufficient nucleus must be kept at action stations, but the Government is considering the best possible way of minimising this interference with ordinary life while maintaining the civil defence on a war-time footing.

Lighting restrictions form part of the strategic defence of the important industrial areas. Some relaxation in the movement of vehicles and in the use of pocket torches by pedestrians is considered practicable and the necessary steps are in preparation.

He emphasized, however, that up to the present Britain has not experienced any air-raids. It would be dangerous to make any alterations until an actual air-raid "practice" has indicated the lines on which modifications could be made.

First-aid posts have been duly established and equipped and the emergency ambulances fitted up. The latter include a large number of motor buses intended to be used as inter-hospital ambulances.

DIFFICULT JOB

Turning to the Ministry of Information, he said that this was the most difficult work that could be assigned to any Government department. The Ministry must steer its way between giving out information which might help the enemy and withholding it, giving the impression that terrible things might be happening of which the public had no information.

In the face of these formidable difficulties, errors will be made, causing trouble and exasperation to the whole press.

Mr. Chamberlain asked the House and the country for patience and tolerance during these early days.

Asked if he would consider making a statement on the war aims including the liberation of the Czechs, Mr. Chamberlain said that the war aims could be seen in the principles announced by the Government.

These have commended the support and approval of this country and no doubt further opportunities for elaboration in detail will occur.

MESSAGE TO BENES

Regarding the Czechs, the Prime Minister referred to his message to Dr. Benes, in which he said we were looking forward to the triumph of the principles for which we are fighting and to the release of the Czech people from foreign domination.

Arrangements are being made for the issuing of a White Paper dealing with the whole grounds of Anglo-German relations during the last 12 months.

MINISTER OF SUPPLY

Mr. Leslie Burgin said that all firms and factories engaged on munitions works have been asked to proceed on the basis of their full output. Plants and factories will be extended and additional factories are being undertaken.

The Ministry of Supply is devoted to securing the maximum output in the minimum time. Ultimately, a very large percentage of the semi-skilled work will be done by women.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Dominions Secretary, said that every possible step is being taken to maintain close contact with the Dominions and to keep them fully informed.

RUMOURS FLYING ROUND WORLD

London, To-day. Mr. Arthur Greenwood, in the Commons discussion last night, welcomed the Prime Minister's words regarding the determination of Britain to fulfil its obligations to Poland and said there would be no peace until the final end of Nazi-dom.

That determination the Prime Minister had expressed in most emphatic terms and his words would allay some of the suspicions and rumours flying round the world.—Reuter.

BRITISH IMPORT RESTRICTION

London, To-day.

A long list of articles of which the import is restricted, includes motor-cars and a number of other luxuries and semi-luxuries, whose importation is temporarily suspended.

Certain other goods, including textile manufactures, arms, ammunition and typewriters, may only be imported under special license.—Reuter.

Sir Samuel Hoare said that arrangements are being made for the B.B.C. to broadcast in German the names of Germans taken prisoner and, where definitely established, the names of German dead and wounded.—Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



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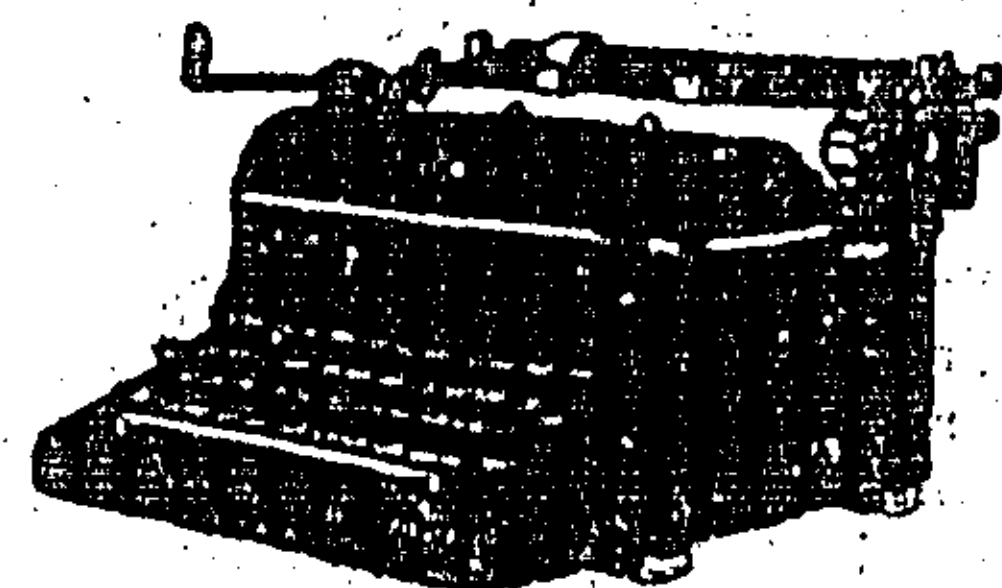
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HOLLAND REPLIES TO GERMAN THREATS

London, To-day.
It was announced in the Hague yesterday that the Netherlands will not be dictated to by any other nation as to how to carry out its policy of neutrality. This is in reference to the recent German "warning" concerning possible trade measures against Germany.—Reuter.

GREEK STEAMER SUNK

London, To-day.
A Greek steamer has been sunk by a German mine south of Sweden. All the crew has been rescued.—Reuter.

RECONCILING NEED FOR SECRECY AND PUBLICITY!

London, To-day.

MR. ARTHUR GREENWOOD, leader of the Opposition, criticised the Ministry of Information in the House of Commons yesterday.

The bald announcement of the Kiel raid, he said, did not reveal the glory of that exploit. He referred to the fact that this week on Monday, the Ministry made public the arrival of British troops in France.

Several editions were sent out, and then came a request that this news should not appear. The police collected the editions sent out. Then the press were told they could print the story.

He blamed the lack of central direction, and referred to it as "a muddle of the worst possible kind."

There had been rumours about air-raids, caused by ignorance and published half-truths. There was no effective co-ordination between the fighting forces and the Ministry of Information.

There was also the position of the Dominion and foreign press. The world was anxious for news and if it could not get it from this country it would get it elsewhere.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood earlier thanked the Prime Minister for his statement, particularly regarding our determination to fulfil our undertakings to Poland and to seek no peace until there was a final end to Nazi domination.

He welcomed the assurance that it was the desire of the Government to publish as early as possible all information that could properly be made available to the public here and abroad.

Looking back upon last week, however, Mr. Greenwood said that bald announcement, after some delay, gave no meaning whatever to the people of this country of the glory of the Kiel exploit.

Two days later the Prime Minister made a generous reference to it and two days afterwards the Ministry of Information allowed more information to leak out.

That incident was one which proved the valour and determination of the British Air Force, and it was due to the Air Force as well as the public that such a magnificent exploit, undertaken in conditions of the most dangerous kind should have been made public at the earliest opportunity.

INTOLERABLE SITUATION

Mr. Greenwood added that Mr. Chamberlain admitted that day that a

MUDDLE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION: REMEDIES PROMISED BY MINISTER

London, To-day.

THE HOME SECRETARY, Sir Samuel Hoare, replying in the House of Commons yesterday to the debate on the Ministry of Information, admitted there was misunderstanding and regrettable confusion on Monday evening.

He said it had now been arranged that a senior instead of a junior officer of each Service department would be the whole time in the Ministry keeping in the closest touch between his department and the Ministry, so that he did not believe that the events of Monday night would be ever likely to recur.

Referring to criticism of the delay in issuing the communique about the bombing of Wilhelmshaven, Sir Samuel dwelt on the difficulty of allowing information to be published until its accuracy was verified.

He said the Ministry concluded it would be possible, anyhow in most cases, to issue a general communique quite quickly and not to hold up communications until they contained all details and particulars.

THE CENSORSHIP

In regard to the censorship, Sir Samuel said the desire was to work if possible on the basis that co-operation would be given in certain general directions, but it would not be necessary for them to have every bit of information passed by the department concerned.

The general principle would be that the Government was not responsible for the accuracy of facts published in the press unless it explicitly said so.

He mentioned that reputable correspondents were now permitted to use the telephone, for example the radio telephone to America, and censors were now installed in the cable offices, so it would no longer be necessary to send cables back to some other department to be passed.

CABLE ARRANGEMENTS

Cable messages in all languages likely to be used would now be passed by censor linguists in the cable offices.

While important Government telegrams still had priority, correspondents' telegrams would not have to wait till all Government telegrams were despatched.

Arrangements had also been made to synchronise cable and wireless messages, so that neither would have a time advantage.—Reuter.

SHOCKING MUDDLE

London, To-day.

Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal) declared in the Commons yesterday that there was a shocking muddle at the Ministry of Information, which hitherto had conspicuously failed to perform its most important function—the enlightenment of the public at home and abroad who were getting inadequate and belated news comment.—Reuter.

of the M.O.I., listened to Mr. Greenwood's remarks from the gallery.

GOOD STORY

Sir Samuel Hoare replied that we want to tell our story. It is a very good story and we want to tell it freely and fully. The greater the publicity, the better for this country and the world.

Replying to Mr. Greenwood's criticism of the M.O.I., he said that the House must realise that there would be a short period before the Ministry was running smoothly.

The Ministry was faced with the need for secrecy, lest information be given to the enemy. At the same time, it realised the invigorating effect which would be given the nation as a whole when given as much information as possible about the war.

RECONCILIATION

Its most immediate problem was

ONETHIRD OF LUCHOW IN RUINS

Chungking, To-day.

One-third of the Yangtse city of Luchow, 100 miles south-west of Chungking, is now in ruins as the result of Monday's bombing by 27 Japanese planes.

Four hundred Chinese are reported to have been killed and 400 wounded.

The hospital, church and residence of the United Church of Canada has been "completely destroyed."

This story was brought to Chungking by the Rev. J. G. Endicott, of the Mission staff, who flew to Luchow with a medical unit and has returned to Chungking.

NO FOREIGN CASUALTIES

There were no foreign casualties, although two members of the Canadian Mission were in Luchow throughout the raid.

Mr. Endicott stated that two bombs hit the hospital and another landed in the garden of the Mission's residences. A fourth struck the roof of the church, which is still intact and at present is housing 100 homeless families.—Reuter.

DISCUSSION IN MACAO

MACAO, TO-DAY.

MR. ODA, JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL IN HONG KONG, AND **MR. OKAZAKI**, CONSUL-GENERAL IN CANTON, VISITED THE GOVERNOR, DR. BARBOSA, ON TUESDAY AND WERE ENTERTAINED AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

It is understood that they conferred on improving communications between Macao and Canton.

Mr. Okazaki drew the Governor's attention to recent anti-Japanese operations by Chinese Government agents in the Portuguese Colony and suggested that the Portuguese authorities tighten control of the activities of such agents.

No protest was lodged with the Portuguese authorities.—Our Own Correspondent.

MINISTER IN CUBA

London, To-day.

The King has approved the appointment of Mr. Mallet, Counsellor in the Embassy at Washington, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Havana, succeeding Mr. H. A. Grant-Watson, who is retiring later in the year.—British Wireless.

NEW MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

London, To-day.

The Premier announced in the Commons that the Government intended to establish a Ministry of Shipping at an early date.—British Wireless.

the reconciliation of these two factors.

Referring to Mr. Greenwood's remarks about the release of information concerning the arrival of our troops in France, he said that in future the Prime Minister would give regular and bigger statements on our operations in all fields of national endeavour.—Reuter.

mistake had been made and hoped to do better in the future but he (Mr. Greenwood) must remind the House regarding the events of the past week because they had now arrived at a completely intolerable situation.

Referring to the events of Monday night and early Tuesday morning with regard to news issued in France about the presence of British troops on French soil, Mr. Greenwood said that the treatment of that story created, among a large number of people in the publishing trade in this country, consternation, dismay, confusion and an enormous amount of expenditure which was really unwarrantable.

He was not surprised that newspapers in leading articles had used the word "muddle." It was "muddle," of the worst possible kind and they were entitled to a full explanation.

PLAYING WITH TRICKY THING
He warned the Government that if this sort of thing were not stopped they would be playing with the most tricky thing in the country—the psychology of the people.

There was an even more serious side to this problem than the home side—the problem of the foreign and dominions press.

If they would not get news, they would take rumours or propaganda.

Because there was an absence of vigorous action and courage here, Hitler propaganda was poisoning world opinion against us, and neutral countries were being given an entirely false view of what was the actual situation, both here and abroad.

"Everybody knows our case. It is simple and straightforward and unanswerable. It ought to be given to the world because there will come an ebb in the flow of this struggle of triumph and truth."

Lord MacMillan, who is at the head

TRIBUNAL TO EXAMINE REFUGEES

London, To-day.
Mr. W. S. Morrison announced yesterday that a special tribunal is to be set up to review the position of German, Austrian and Czechoslovakian refugees in Britain.

Some who claimed to be refugees might not really be friendly to Britain.

Use will be made of those considered to be friendly. Those volunteering for service with the British Forces will be registered and may be called up if required.—Reuter.

CURIOUS QUIET IN TRIER ZONE

Brussels, To-day.

A terrific explosion shook the village of Schengen, the southernmost tip of Luxembourg, yesterday when the Germans blew up the railway line across the border nearby.

Fragments of metal rained on Luxembourg territory but no one was hurt.

The railway was the main line between Trier and Metz.

The newspaper "Le Peuple" claims to have learned reliably that the civil population of Trier is being evacuated.

This section of the front hitherto has been curiously quiet.—Reuter.

THETIS NOW BEACHED

London, To-day.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty has announced that the Thetis is now beached in 37 feet of water.

Arrangements are in hand for removing the bodies and naval and civilian honours will be rendered at public funerals at Holyhead.—Reuter.

U.S. AMBASSADOR ACCUSES GERMAN AIRMEN OF INDISCRIMINATE RAIDS

London, To-day.

TELEGRAMS WERE PUBLISHED in Washington yesterday from Mr. Biddle, the U.S. Ambassador to Poland, stating that the German Air Force was taking advantage of every opportunity, without regard to the danger to civilian population.

The telegrams add that it was also evident that the German bombers were releasing their missiles even when they were in doubt as to the identity of their objectives.

In his first telegram, which is dated September 8, the U. S. Ambassador gives a number of instances, including the dropping of bombs on his villa and that of a neighbour; the bombing of a Warsaw suburban apartment building; and the bombing of refugee trains and a plainly-marked Red Cross train.

A second telegram from Mr. Biddle, dated yesterday, describes the bombing of the Polish town where the U.S. Embassy is located. Bombs fell within 300 yards of the Embassy, which is in a "defenceless town."

Twelve bombs were dropped, killing 11 and injuring 40.—Reuter.

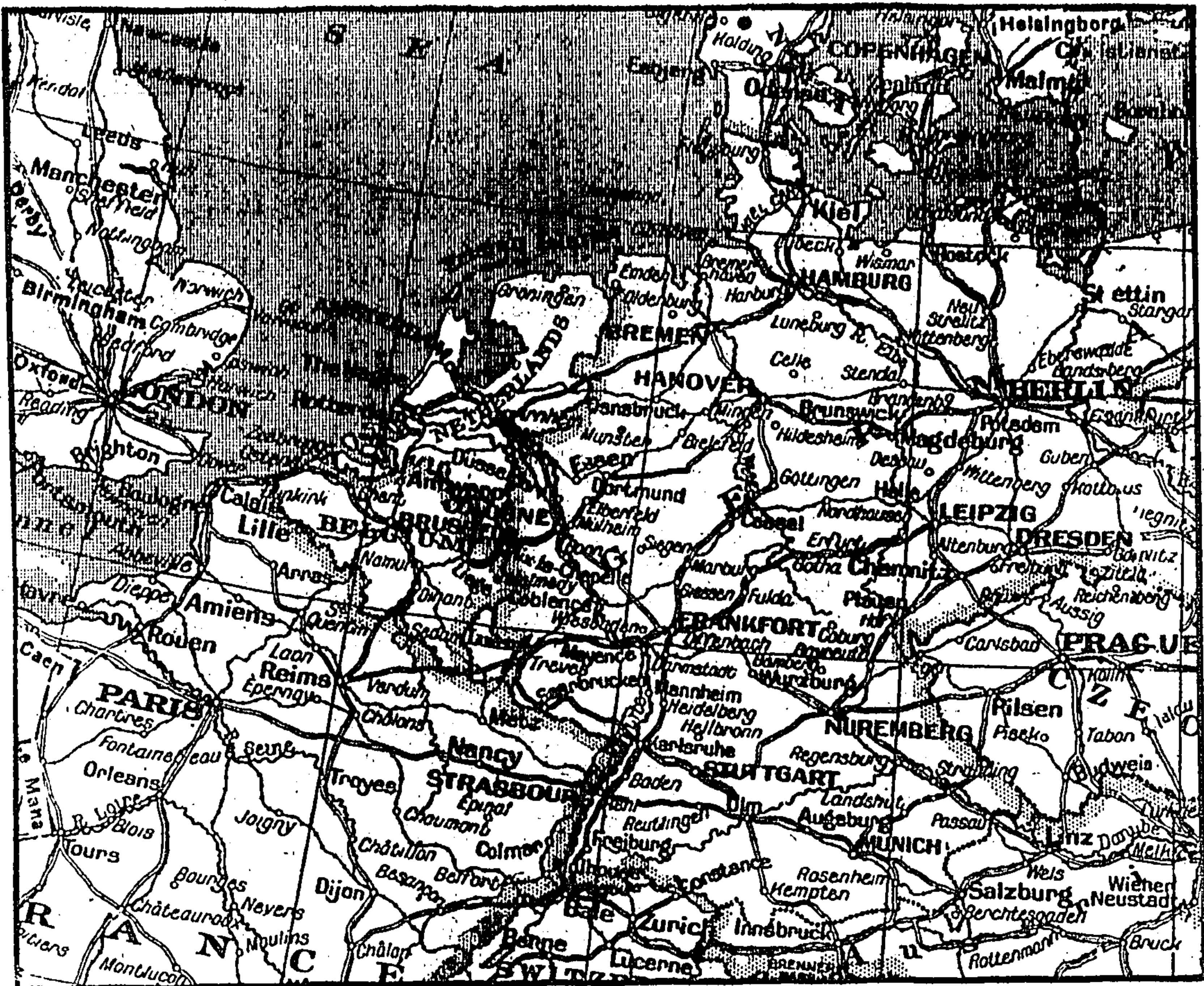
TRAIN ROOF PLAINLY MARKED
The Ambassador refers to the

destruction of a sanatorium involving the death of 10 civilians, the bombing of a refugee train en route from Kutno, damage to a hospital train carrying wounded soldiers and standing in the uncovered station at Warsaw plainly marked with the Red Cross on the roof, and destruction of a Girl Guide hut where 12 girls were killed.—Reuter.

POLISH CHARGES

London, To-day.

The Polish Government has sent messages to all the civilized states, saying that the Germans have carried out systematic bombing attacks on towns of no military importance whatever.—Reuter.



FRENCH TROOPS ADVANCE TO WITHIN THREE MILES OF SAARBRUCKEN

London, To-day.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT, the French troops have made advances on each side of Saarbruecken, and the Germans admit that the French army is only three miles from the town.

The French troops are led by armoured cars and tanks are advancing under a heavy barrage from the Maginot Line.

A semi-official survey yesterday afternoon stated that the French salient to the westward has already been occupied and the occupation of the eastern salient is being pursued.

An important advance has been made on the left bank of the River Blys.

Here important positions, including strategic observation posts, have been occupied. There is constant artillery fire from the Germans and frequent air duels between German and French planes.

The Germans are evacuating the Traeves district and also Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle) near the Belgian frontier.—Reuter.

SALIENT STRAIGHTENED OUT

Paris, To-day.

Advances by French troops on each side of Saarbruecken are mentioned in a semi-official review of the military situation on the Western Front.

It says that on one hand the salient formed by the Forest of Warndt, to the west of Saarbruecken has been reduced and occupied, and on the other hand the occupation, to appreciable depth and along a front of some twelve and a half miles of hilly region on the left bank of the Blies between Saarguemines and Hornbach, is being pursued.

IMPORTANT GAINS

Most important of these operations is on the western extremity of the Front (where the offensive movement by German troops in the region of Sierck has been checked), and an advance has been carried out on the left bank of the Blies where despite enemy resistance, important positions, notably some good observation posts, have been occupied.

The enemy reacted with artillery fire for a long period in this sector and several lone air fights between French and German planes have occurred above the lines.—Reuter.

THE COMMUNIQUE

London, To-day.

A French war communique issued late last night says:—

"Our troops have improved on the whole of the positions taken in the course of the last few days.

"Our naval forces are taking vigorous action against enemy submarines.

"There has been reduced activity on the part of our air-force, because of bad weather."—Reuter.

GERMAN CLAIM

Berlin, To-day.

The Germans claim the recapture of a position some four miles south-east of Saarbruecken; the rest of the action on the Western Front is described as unimportant.—Reuter.

RESIGNATION OF MR. TE WATER

Johannesburg, To-day.

It is officially announced that Mr. Te Water, Union High Commissioner in London, has resigned.—Reuter.

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AUSTRIAN OPPOSITION

After a year of the heaviest oppression there are signs of rising opposition in Austria. On July 25, the anniversary of Dr. Dollfuss's assassination, his grave was covered with flowers. So was the Dollfuss Memory Chapel on the Hohe Wand, a mountain near Vienna. On the night of the anniversary hundreds of Viennese carrying small candles climbed this 5,000 ft. mountain to celebrate in the chapel a quiet ceremony for Dr. Dollfuss. The Nazis had forbidden all official masses for him and had chosen his anniversary as the day to unveil a monument to his murderers. On the next day it was found so heavily besmeared with red lead that it had to be removed. The same thing happened to the name-plates of those streets which had been called after the murderers last year. They also have been put away and are not yet renewed. In St. Stephen's Cathedral hundreds of candles have been consecrated for the soul of Dr. Dollfuss. The Gestapo is trying to suppress this opposition. The police made a big search in the barracks of the Viennese motorized regiment No. 3 and of the Infantry regiment No. 134, where they found some Socialist and monarchist leaflets, copies of the illegal "Oesterreichischer Beobachter"—a duplicated newspaper with information for the enemies of the Nazi regime—and a few English newsletters. The abbots of the famous Austrian monasteries Melk and Gottweig have been arrested, and also the leader of the Austrian Catholic Women's Organization, Dr. Alma Motzko. Herr Buerkel has forbidden all Catholic processions, declaring they were nothing else than a review of the opposition.

IN THE BALKANS

In some ways, it is surprising to note how hostile Balkan public feeling is against Berlin. Nazi agents conduct insidious whispering campaigns to the effect that "the democracies could not save Prague," and one would have expected the resultant combination of fear and economic worry to have been successful. But that is not the case, for two reasons. The Balkan States, without exception, resent the blatant and assertiveness of the German economic penetration; and further, the Italian invasion of Albania shook the Balkan world in a way that we have not yet grasped.

It brought Italy to the borders of Greece and within striking distance of the overseas route to the Aegean. The strategic crossroads of the south Balkans were clearly in jeopardy with Italian legionaries astride the road south to Janina (and thus the whole Epirus) and the road east to Salonika, the old Via Egnatia of the Romans.

The Balkan peoples thus realised that German economic penetration was not all that confronted them; their very existence was at stake, and you have to realise how "beautiful Janina" is regarded in the Balkans to understand the symbolism of the threat to that city. Nor is it overlooked that most of the new military works of the Italians are on the Greek, not the Yugoslav, frontier.—"Sydney Morning Herald."

YOUTH'S REPROACH

Social security! . . . What has that to do with youth, or youth with it? A whole generation of youngsters, apparently—children of the depression—has skipped its natural worries and fixed its eyes upon social security. And they mean social security for to-day.

None of the depression's special havocs, we should guess, is any more likely to bring evil to the race than this laying of a clammy palsied hand upon the spirit of youth. More power to every youngster that struggles to shake it off!

Time was, and you don't have to go back to Daniel Boone or the '49ers—when youth was a time for recklessness and vision, not for security of any sort. Youth became feverish over experience, adventure, squeezing the heady juices out of life.

The vote for social security is no exclusive reproach to youth; it hits the world surrounding. Youth's defeatism is the product of hunger and opportunity withdrawn. But we don't believe it is a true philosophy any more than it was in frontier days, and the youth that forgets about social security is the one most likely to arrive at it by the time he needs it.—"New York World-Telegram."

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FLUTTERINGS

We have pointed out that it is not necessary to worry about the various visits of "mystery men" who are now engaged in moth-like flutterings about the Fuehrer at Berchtesgaden.

It is, however, worth noting that Nazi official sources are trying to conceal the flutterings of the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Csaky.

They would; because Csaky is notoriously the agent of Axis policy in Hungary.

His aim is to play into Hitler's hands by getting rid of Horthy and all those who do not want Hungary to be a new dependency of Nazidom.

He is, in fact, the typical Fifth Columnist, working behind the scenes. We know the type and the method.—"Daily Mirror."

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"STRADDLEBUG"

One newspaper headline says, "Roosevelt Hints He'll Not Run." Another says, "Gives Not a Hint About Third Term."

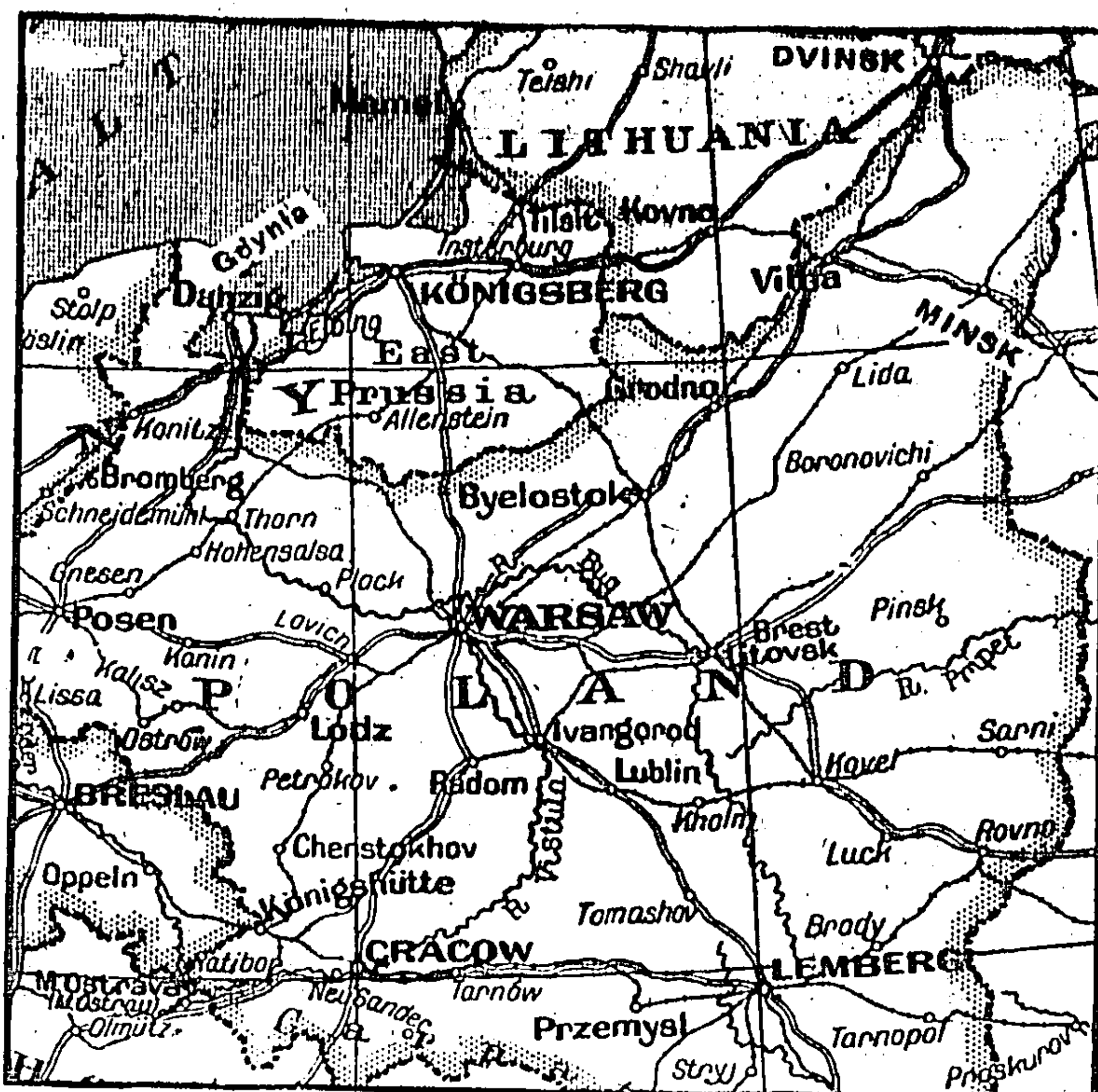
Which only goes to show how much a press which supposedly reports only objective news can do with headlines. And how much summer reading a President can furnish by keeping uncertainty alive!

Mr. Roosevelt's statement was that if the Democrats nominated "conservative candidates, or lip-service candidates, on a straddlebug platform" he would find it impossible to take any active part

in the presidential campaign next year. For those who enjoy guessing games the words have far more possibilities than Mr. Colledge's relatively definite, "I do not choose to run." Being very bold one might conclude that the President had gone one step farther toward barring a Roosevelt-Garner ticket. But not a Roosevelt-Blank ticket! This really big result of this headlined statement is to add a word to the dictionary of American politics. "Straddlebug" may become as historic as "mugwump."—"Christian Science Monitor."

SWITZERLAND'S
NEUTRALITY

Often spoken of as the unconquerable country, Switzerland for three years has been preparing against conquest. In the war office at Berlin are plans for making Switzerland a side door or a by-pass around the Maginot line. Under every bridge, railway, and road that crosses the Swiss border are charges of dynamite to foil any such plans. And 50 miles back is another ring of defences. All along the German border new forts have been built. And I was told that for "appearances' sake" two had been erected on the French border. Donovan Richardson.



ON THE POLISH FRONT

NAZI TROOPS NOW ATTACKED ON FRONT AND REAR

London, To-day.

German forces attacking Warsaw are now fighting back to back—fighting the main body of the Polish Army around Warsaw on one front and the various units coming through from Posnan province on the other.

Despite German claims some days ago that the fighting in the Corridor is "over," there is still a great deal of fighting going on there.

General von Brauswitsch, Commander-in-Chief, has joined the German troops in the front line at Radom.

The official German agency reported yesterday that the German forces in Poland are being held up by "unfavourable weather conditions," which are tending to slow up their advance. The air force, however, is "giving effective support."

HEAVY FIGHTING

Late last night, Polish troops were still marching eastwards, engaged in heavy fighting with the enemy.

While the Poles claim to have recaptured Lodz, the Germans deny this and say Der Fuehrer visited the city yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

UNFAVOURABLE WEATHER

Berlin, To-day.

The Germans in Poland are meeting with unfavourable weather conditions.

The Official News Agency claims that despite this the air force is still effectively supporting operations and has bombed railway lines and stations.—Reuter.

GERMAN CLAIM

Berlin, To-day.

The capture of Sambor and Jaworow between Przemysl and Lwow is now claimed.

In the meantime strong forces swinging round Warsaw to the east, crossed the road at the railway line between Warsaw and Siedlce.—Reuter.

WARSAW FACES UP MAGNIFICENTLY

London, To-day.

Far from anticipating the early fall of Warsaw, life in the capital is proceeding more or less normally, according to a Polish broadcast.

The courts continue to sit, the agricultural bank transacts business and the post office is open.

"Warsaw works, watches and fights like one big family," added the announcer.—Reuter.

NEW FRENCH WAR CABINET

Paris, To-day.

The new French War Cabinet was formed yesterday.

M. Edouard Daladier will be Premier, War Minister and Minister for External Relations, and will be assisted by two under-secretaries—M. Permot, under-secretary for blockade, and M. Champetier Deribes, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

M. Georges Bonnet becomes Minister of Justice; M. Dautry, Minister of Armaments; M. Coulondre, Director of the Prime Minister's Cabinet on the diplomatic side.—Reuter.

U-BOAT WARNINGS

London, To-day.

The British Government have reason to believe that the enemy may try to establish submarine and air bases on the south and central coasts of the American continent.

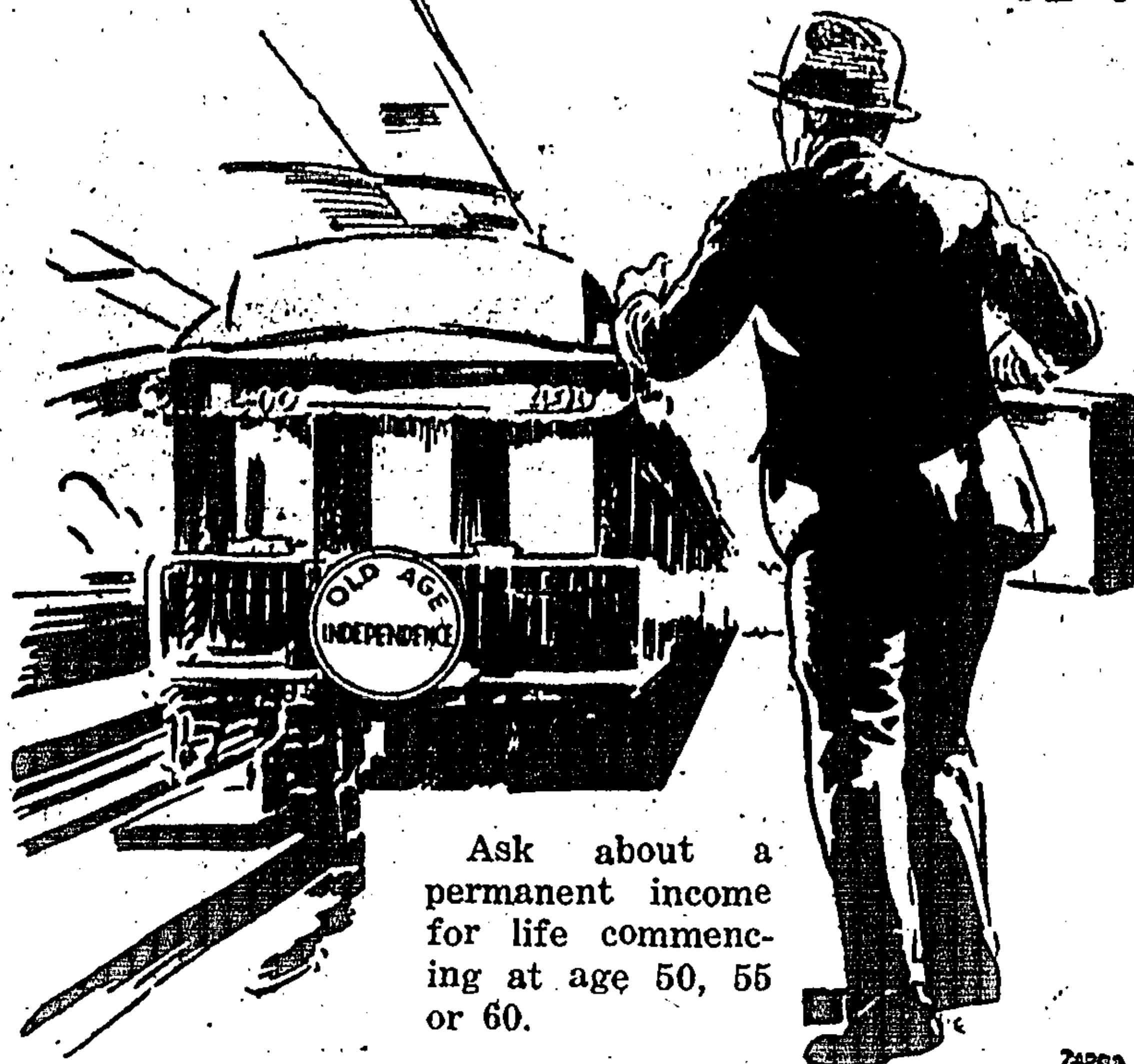
The British Government is inviting the governments concerned to take steps to prevent a breach of their neutrality.—Reuter.

GERMANS BLOW UP MAIN RAILWAY IN SAAR ZONE

London, To-day.

From Brussels comes news of a terrific explosion near the southern border of Luxembourg, in German territory. The Germans blew up the main railway line between Traves and the French town of Metz.—Reuter.

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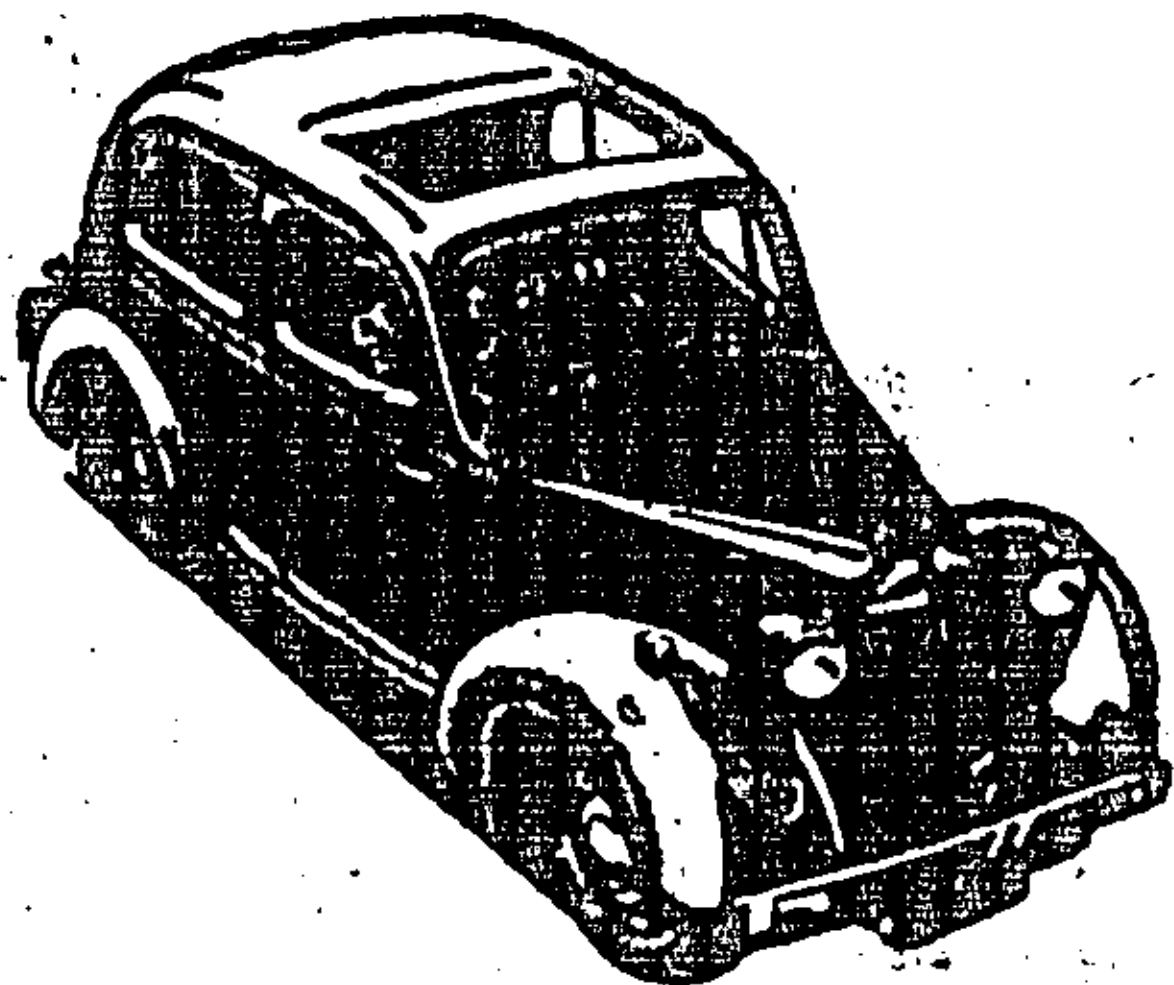
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GERMANY SHORT OF DOCTORS AND TECHNICIANS

London, To-day. Notices have appeared outside the German Consulate at calling on all German doctors and technicians, "of whatever return to Germany. Their fortunes will be restored to them in turn.

Belgian circles take this as an indication of a German shortage of technical experts.—Reuter.

GERMANS HOODWINKED ONCE AGAIN—TO-DAY'S SITUATION ANALYSED

London, To-day.

AGAIN AS IN 1914, the Germans have been completely hoodwinked regarding the British forces which have been despatched to France, although this secrecy was far more difficult to maintain in those days of wireless and long distance ray photography from the air.

Also all military observers agree that the expeditionary force is far more important to-day, both in size and equipment, that the "Old Contemptibles" with a striking power at least four times as great.

Although the British Air Force was in co-operation with France from the beginning of the war, the British force is not yet fighting.

French strategy appears to have successfully upset the original German intention to use Holland and Belgium as a protective flank and to sit tight on their fortifications between Luxembourg and Switzerland.

French tactics in the first week had compelled the Germans to uncover to meet the French advance.

OPENING UP WAY

General Gamelin had thus created a form of operations almost on top of the heavy defences which ought, sooner or later, to open definite lines of advance.

Observers have agreed that the Germans depleted their Siegfried forces for their onslaught on Poland and may find it difficult to take up their old positions.

The initiative, for the moment, has passed to the French.

IN POLAND

In Poland, as foreshadowed yesterday, interest concentrates on the German advance to Przemyśl designed ultimately to cut off Polish communications with neutral southern neighbours, while the north offensive from

East Prussia aims at the capture of the important railway junction at Bialystok.

All critics dwell on the immense importance of the German superiority in the air. The Poles estimate that the enemy are using 5,000 aircraft of which 3,000 are bombers.

SERIOUS QUESTION

Now that Poland has lost the industrial south-west, the supply of munitions becomes a serious question.

Meanwhile the Germans appear to find the cleaning up of West Poland troublesome owing to the activities of the audacious Polish force to the west of Warsaw, whose daring has earned for it the name of "Suicide Column."—Reuter.

INTERESTING TALKS

Rome, To-day.

It is reported in local political circles that Yugoslavia, Italy and Greece are negotiating an agreement to guarantee peace bargains.

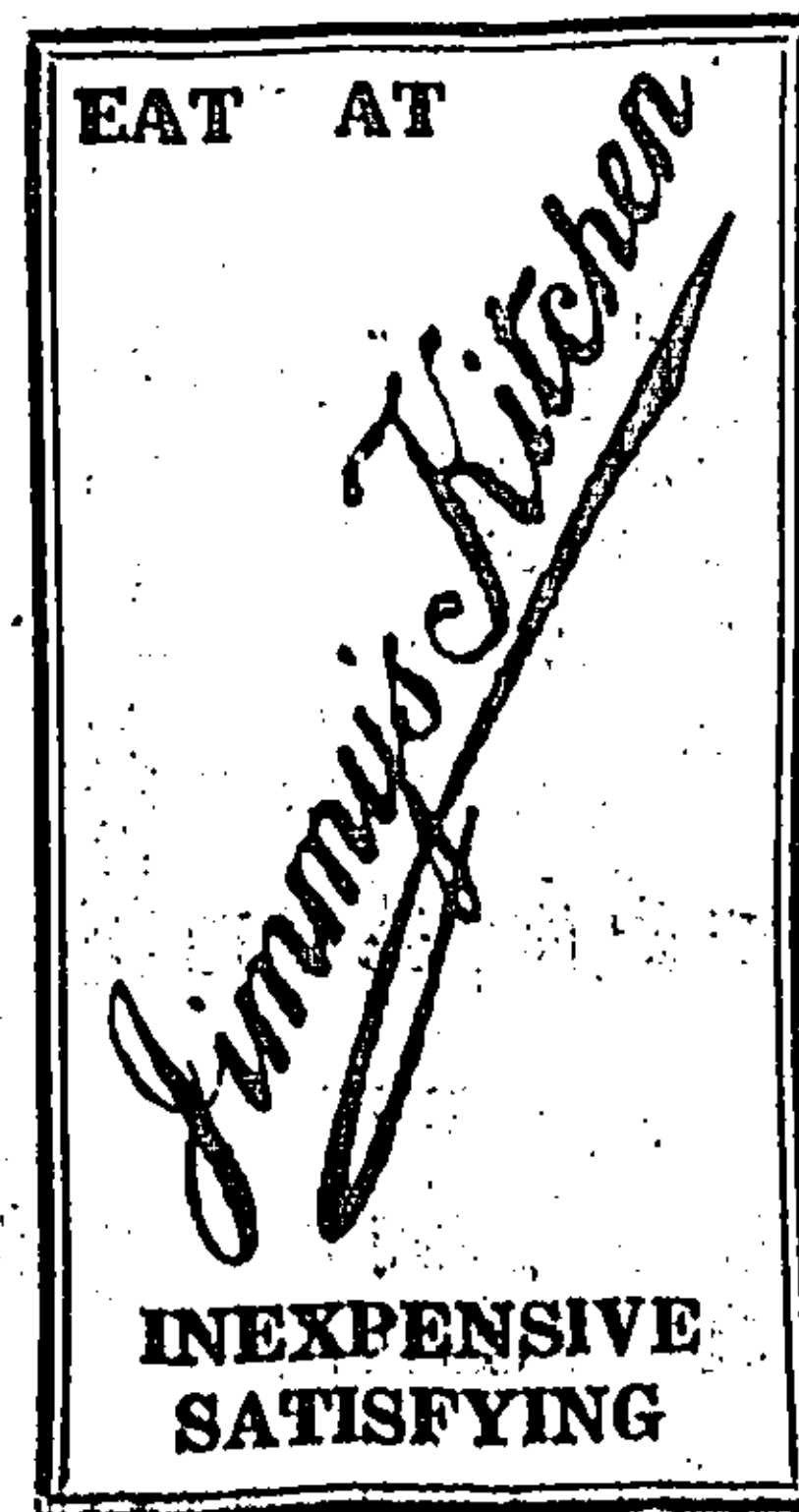
It is stated that the agreement would be accompanied by an Italo-Greek trade agreement.—Reuter.

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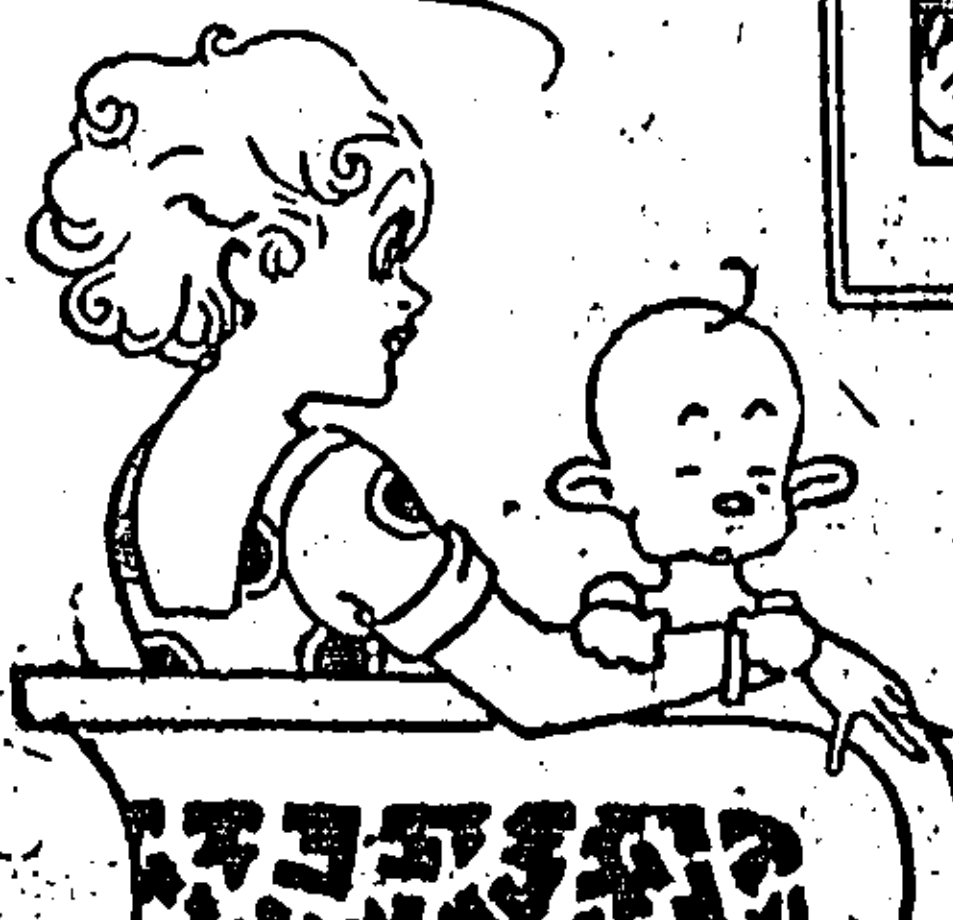
It is notified that the Third Readings of the Eviction Ordinance have been deleted from the Business for the day. The most important Bill concerned the foreclosure of mortgages.

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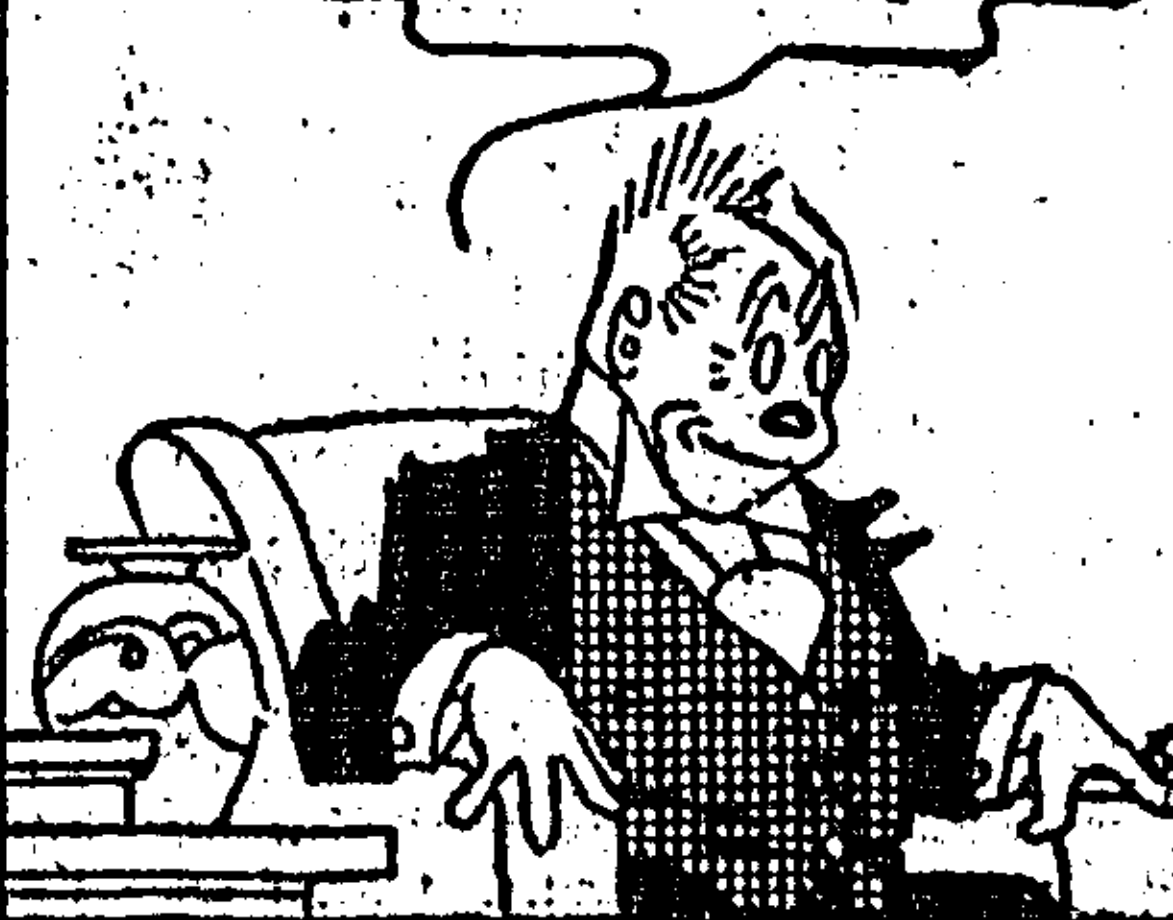
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BRITAIN FACES SUBMARINE WAR WITH CONFIDENCE

London, To-day.

WHILE THERE IS as yet no definite indication of the German Government's decision as to how submarine warfare is to develop, the sinking of the Athenia might seem to suggest that Germany has decided to begin a campaign of unrestricted sinking at sight, not only in defiance of international law but in direct violation of the specific undertakings into which she solemnly entered in 1936.

Meanwhile, it is clear that the life of the British Empire, together with all the Empire's warlike and economic activities, goes on much as it did before.

Ships are daily entering and clearing from British ports in their accustomed numbers, and the most acute observer would fail to detect any difference, except regarding such necessary precautions as must be observed in wartime, between any busy British port to-day and six months ago.

It is true that a few British ships have been sunk. This was expected during the first week or so of war. There may be a few more sinkings before the submarine menace is finally disposed of, and until the submarines now known to be at large have been destroyed or otherwise dealt with.

THE MAIN POINT

Main point to be remembered is that the British naval authorities who,

in circumstances of far greater peril and difficulty, quelled the submarine menace in 1917, have not been idle during the 25 years which have elapsed.

Patient research into the submarine menace has gone on undiminished and has yielded valuable results.

If, therefore, Germany has decided to throw this challenge to the civilised world so far as Great Britain and France is concerned, it is one which both countries will face with calm and confidence.—British Wireless.

CONGRESS TO MEET NEXT WEEK

London, To-day.

From Washington comes news that President Roosevelt has called a special session of Congress for noon, September 21.—Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has called a special session of Congress for noon on September 21.

Summoning Congress is the fulfilment of the President's promise that following the outbreak of war, steps would be taken to repeal the same embargo provisions of the Neutrality Law.—Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

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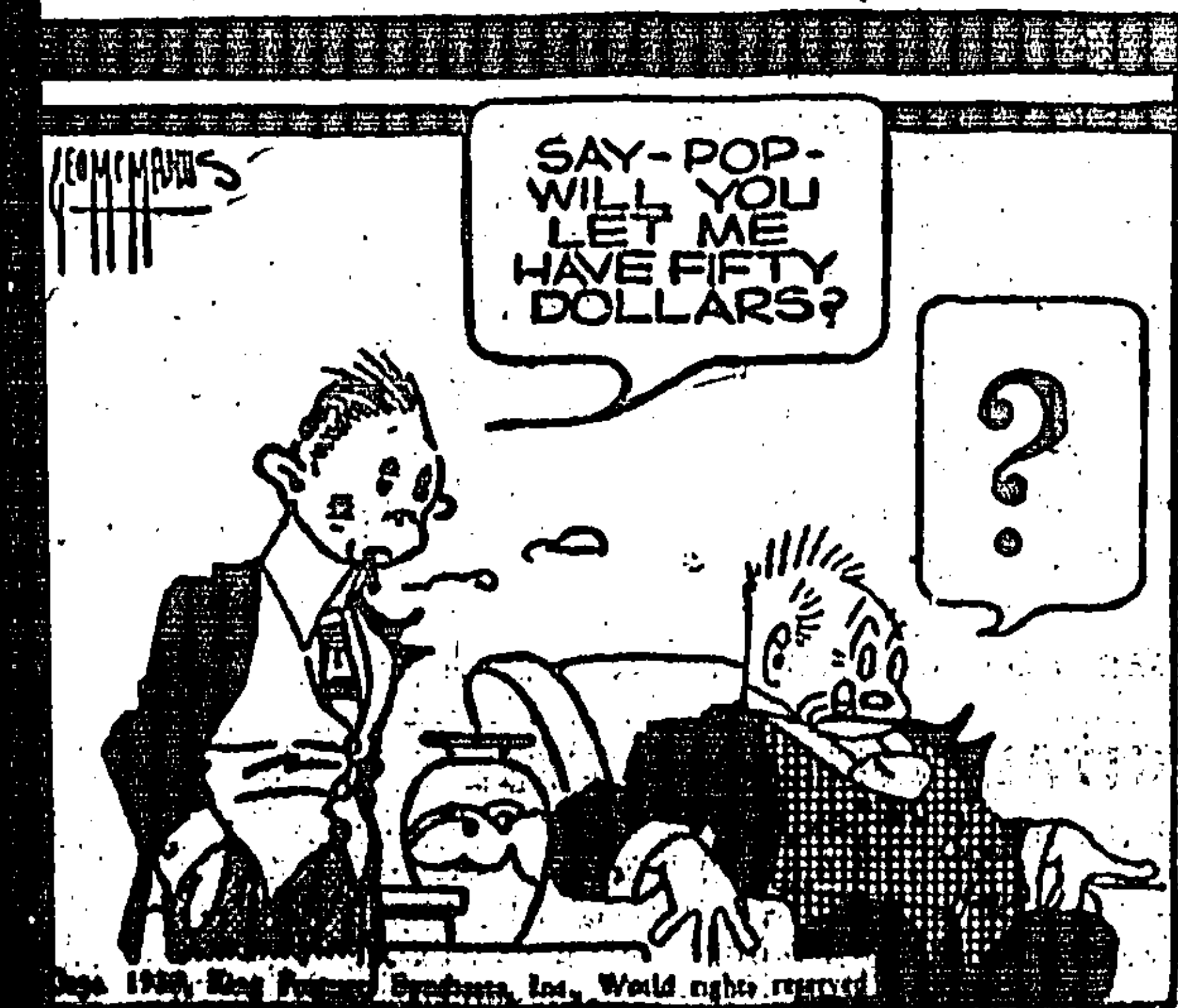
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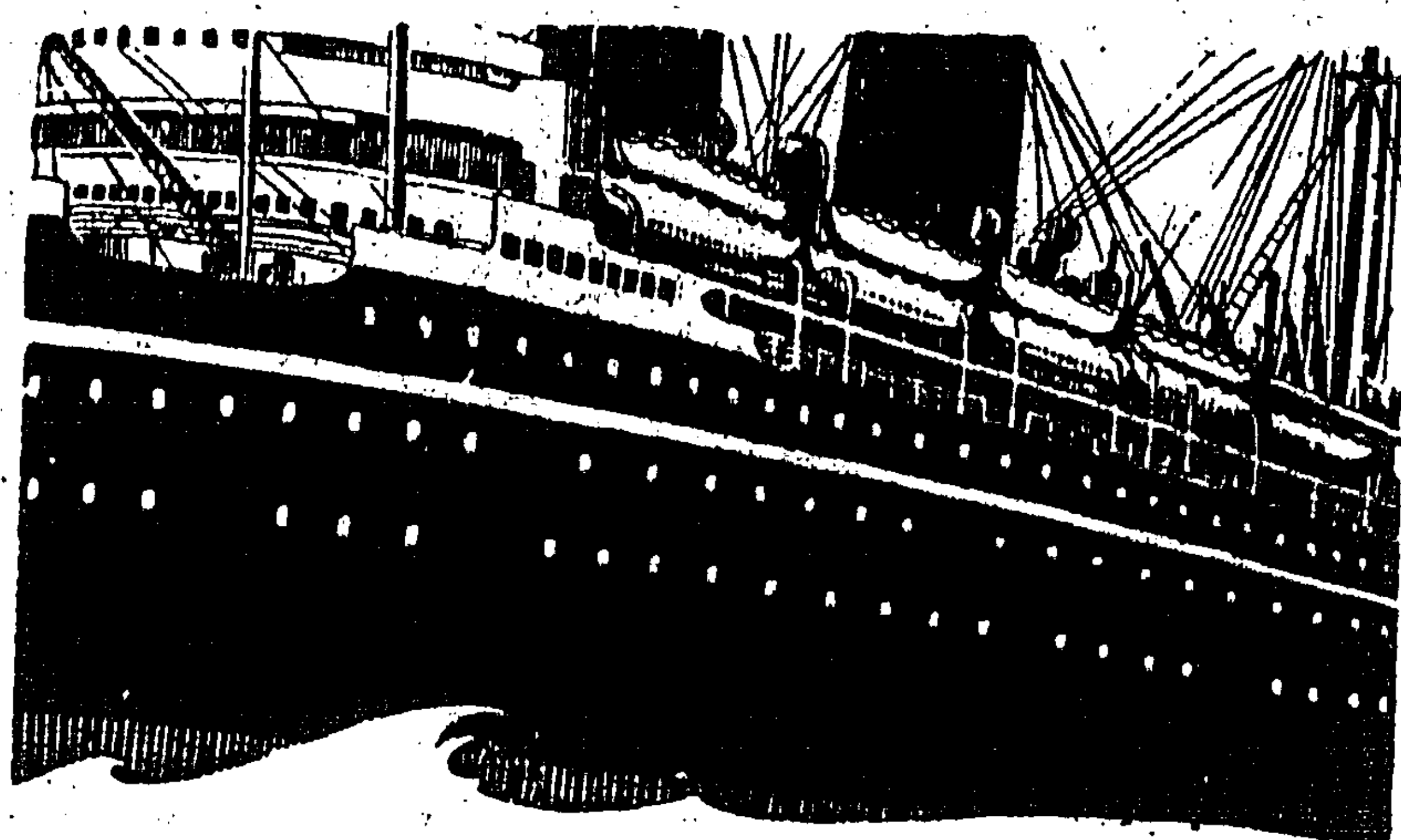
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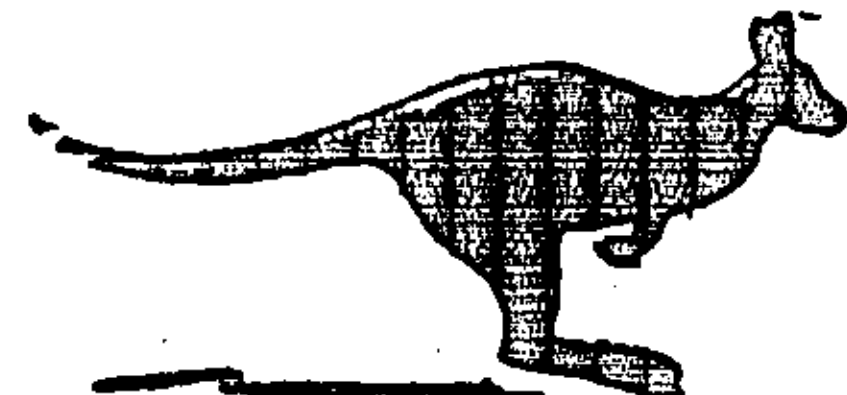
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Shanghai	Taiyuan	September 15.
Canton	Fatshan	September 15.
Japan and Shanghai	Rajputana	September 15.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 25th Aug.)	Pres. Coolidge	September 15.
Manila	Granville	September 15.
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Shanghai	Giulio Cesare	September 16.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th September.	Imperial Airways Plane	September 17.
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Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and Air France Plane	Thurs., Sept. 14,
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Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C., and (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 6th October—and Europe via Vancouver.	Emp. of Asia, Sept. 14, 2.30 p.m.
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	Parcels, Sept. 14, 4 p.m.
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	Parcels, Sept. 15, 8.30 a.m.
	Ord., Sept. 15, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu Pan-American Plane	Fri., Sept. 15,
and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 21st September.	
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	Reg., Sept. 14, 5.30 p.m.
	Ord., Sept. 14, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O. Sept. 14, 5 p.m.
	Reg., Sept. 15, 7.30 a.m.
	Ord., Sept. 15, 8.30 a.m.
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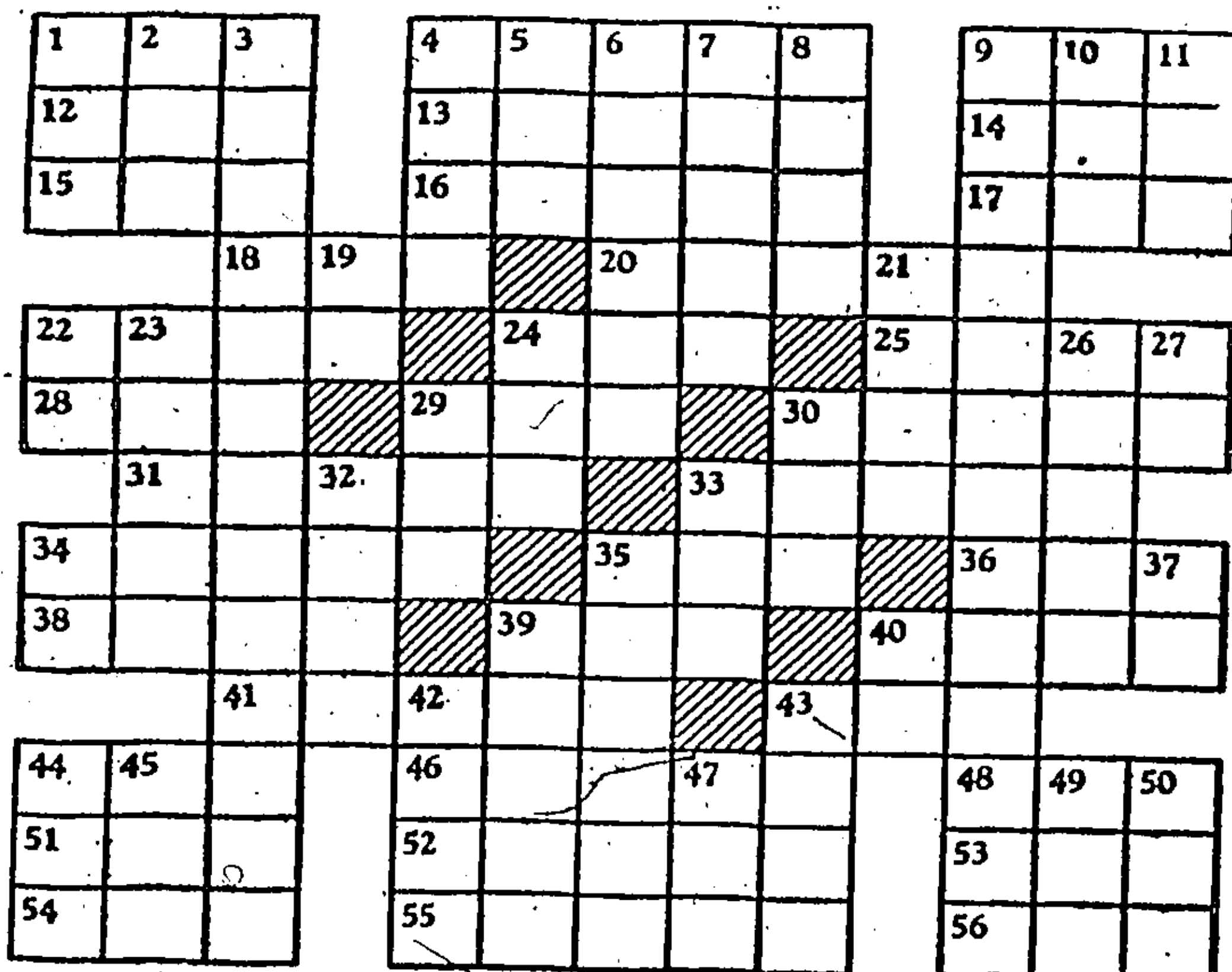
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- 16 Asian fiber plant
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- 18 Bitter vetch
- 20 Estate
- 22 Rabbit
- 24 Couch
- 25 Mohammedan priest
- 28 Tree
- 29 Evil
- 30 To censure
- 31 Wild animal
- 33 Housefly genus
- 34 Pertaining to punishment
- 35 Corpulent
- 36 Chemical suffix
- 38 Spoken
- 39 Spanish hero
- 40 Experiment
- 41 Eagle's claw
- 43 Explosive sound

VERTICAL

- 44 Assam silk worm
- 46 The poplar
- 48 Man's name
- 51 River (Sp.)
- 52 Part of shoe (pl.)
- 53 Electrified particle
- 54 Spanish saint
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- 56 Beard of grain

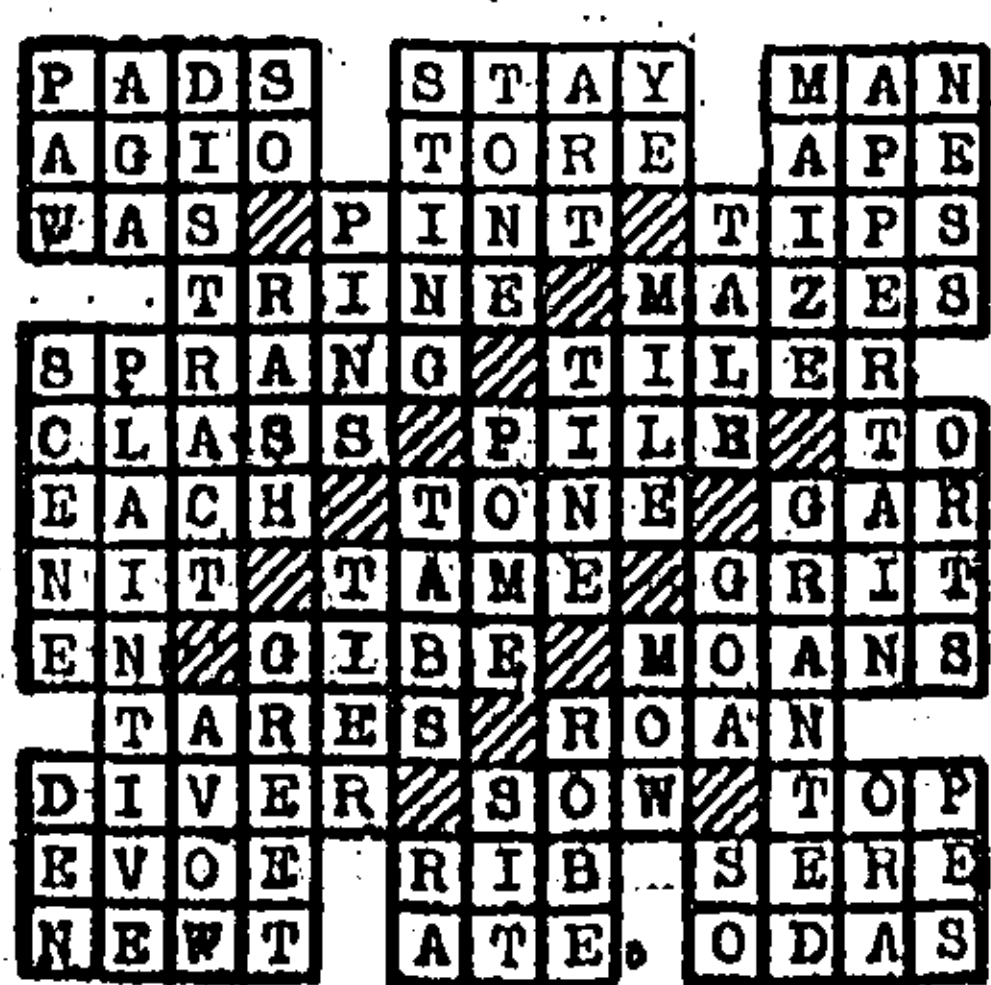
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ITALIANS APPEAR IN CONTEMPT OF COURT CASE

A MOTION FOR CRIMINAL proceedings for contempt of court for disobedience of an interlocutory injunction of the Supreme Court on September 8, was heard this morning before Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, against Federico Parlani, registered owner, and Pietro Dellachha, the captain, of the M. V. Roma.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., was for Chi Kim, while Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, of Johnson Stokes and Master, for defendants.

After the hearing, the motion against Parlani was not allowed, but that against Dellachha, who admitted a technical breach, was ordered to pay a quarter of the taxed costs. Parlani was allowed costs.

Mr. D'Almada said the question whether the injunction should be dissolved might arise, but that could be left over until later.

KEYS WITH CONSUL

The injunction was obtained last Friday, and Mr. V. Millington boarded the Roma in accordance with the injunction. The injunction had been granted ex parte, but notice that the injunction had been granted was given.

On September 8, Mr. Millington went to the registered offices with the injunction and there met the two defendants. He explained the injunction but was told that the keys of the ship were with the Italian Consul and that the Roma being an Italian vessel, they would not give up the ship except on the order of the Italian Consul notwithstanding anything in the injunction of the court.

The affidavit of N. B. Maher, clerk of Mr. M. A. Silva, stated that, on instructions, he boarded the Roma with others. He met the captain and told him of his business, but the captain, in an angry tone, told him to get off the ship.

Although first defendant had not, by his conduct to Millington, disobeyed the injunction in the letter, at least he had in the spirit and that was sufficient for contempt.

ITALIAN FLAG

Mr. Sheldon, giving the facts, said that, in this case, a Chinese had entered into an agreement with a foreigner to take advantage of his flag, in this case the Italian, and held up this person to the public as the registered owner of the ship. Parlani was an Italian and the registered owner. Owing to the imminence of hostilities in Europe, the Chinese owner wanted to get out of the agreement and asked that the ship be re-assigned to him.

The agreement between the parties stated that the ship should be subject to all Italian maritime laws. His client had no objection to the transfer of the ship, but before doing so, he had to obtain the sanction of the Italian Consul.

He had obligation to the Consul and so, before re-assigning the ship,

he had to obtain the necessary permission. Parlani wanted to have nothing to do with the ship, but in delivering it over, he wanted to have no responsibility.

The second defendant had admitted technical guilt.

Mr. Sheldon said that in granting the injunction, the court had been misled.

His Lordship pointed out that the case was heard ex parte. He had no guidance except the affidavits, and could but grant the interlocutory injunction. The normal procedure was forthwith to impeach it. The injunction was made on September 8 and nothing had yet been done.

Mr. Sheldon read parts of affidavits which suggested that if the injunction were not granted, the ship would be taken out of the colony beyond the control of the local court.

This was untrue, said Mr. Sheldon. Evidence would show that there was no lubrication oil on the ship at the time to work the winches.

Another allegation was that defendants were attempting to negotiate a charter without plaintiff's knowledge or consent. Plaintiff knew that negotiations had been going on for some time.

Mr. D'Almada said that if Parlani had no desire to have anything to do with the ship, he had showed his desire in a curious way. He could easily have asked the parties to go to the Italian Consul for the matter to be settled.

His Lordship said he must be satisfied that defendants had been guilty of a deliberate attempt to disobey the injunction, and he was unable to find this in the case of first defendant.

The master had frankly admitted it, and it was now necessary to fix the appropriate penalty. Committal was not asked and, in assessing the penalty, he had to take into consideration the conditions existing in the harbour at the time.

The Captain was ordered to pay a fourth of the taxed costs.

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By JOEL C. MATHEWS

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William the Great, the first Emperor of the federated German States, was slowly dying. His son, the heir to the proposed throne, the Crown Prince Frederick, was by all odds the most popular man in the empire. In the Franco-Prussian War he had been a great hero, worshipped by his soldiers, who had affectionately dubbed him "Unser (Our) Fritz."

Like most really great men, Crown Prince Frederick was democratic. Yet, in person he was far more impressive than even his father, William I. Between him and his father there was an estrangement, as there was also between him and his son, the present ex-Kaiser, now in exile at Doorn.

A dozen years before the Franco-Prussian War, Frederick had married Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, the Princess Victoria.

The Princess had become unpopular with the German people. Her eldest child, the present ex-Kaiser, early developed a bumptiousness which alienated him from his father, himself the most unaffected and natural of men. Because Frederick had sought to keep his concealed son in the background until he could be cured of his vanity the later never forgave these paternal efforts to suppress what he considered as his God-given cleverness and genius. Indeed, young William, when only the heir presumptive, accused his father of being jealous of his own extraordinary talents.

This breach between the Crown Prince and his son, Prince William, widened early in 1887, when it was whispered throughout Europe that the former was suffering from cancer of the throat. As a matter of fact, following a severe cold Frederick had developed in his throat a growth which was the cause of serious scientific controversy.

Instead of standing by his father in this grave emergency, Prince William allowed it to but whet his insatiable ambition. He gathered about him a strong court faction, which had the audacity to propose that the afflicted Prince Frederick's claim to the crown be set aside because it would be unwholesome to the state of the empire to have upon the throne a ruler afflicted with an incurable malady. Although he realized that his father, the old Emperor William, was near unto death, Frederick is said to have signed a formal pledge that he would abdicate his claims to the throne in favour of his son, should it be proved that his malady was incurable.

On hearing of this proposed abdication Frederick's English wife, the Crown Princess, became highly indignant, as justly as she might be. Her husband might sign away not only his but her own possible prospects of wearing a monarch's crown. Her mother, Queen Victoria, backed her up in her insistence upon her rights. So, to contravert her son's efforts to prove that his father was dying of cancer, the Crown Princess sent to England for that country's most eminent throat specialist, Dr. Morell Mackenzie.

All Europe awaited the diagnosis of



this great savant. He clipped out a portion of Prince Frederick's throat tissue and sent it for analysis to the noted Professor Virchow. Virchow announced that the tissue contained no indication of cancer and this pronouncement proved a great disappointment to the partisans of the young Prince William. They immediately accused Dr. Mackenzie of having fraudulently clipped from an unaffected portion of the Crown Prince's throat the tissue which had been used for analysis, and Queen Victoria replied to his accusation from her grandson's followers by immediately knighting Dr. Mackenzie.

Partisans of the Crown Princess now made some charges which perhaps had no foundation more firm than the suspicions that Frederick must be taken out of Germany to escape the machinations of his German physicians who had been engaged to hasten his end.

Frederick was hurried to England and to San Reno. It was said that young William had become absolutely estranged from both his father and mother, and rumour also had it that Dr. Mackenzie, at the request of the British royal family, was subjecting Frederick to terrible tortures that he might outlive his aged father, if only for a few days.

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MISS PANSY
DODD

THE COLONY LOST A PROMISING YOUNG HOCKEY EXPONENT THIS MORNING WHEN MISS PANSY DODD, WHO WAS ONLY 17, DIED IN THE FRENCH HOSPITAL.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

Deceased had been ill for three weeks and was admitted to the French Hospital on Sunday. She studied at the Diocesan Girls' School and was prominent in all school sports, particularly in hockey in which she distinguished herself in the centre-half berth.

She represented the D.G.S. in the Brawn Cup Hockey Competition and in the annual Seven-A-Side Hockey Tournaments.

She leaves a grand-mother, a mother, and two brothers to mourn her loss.

SPLITTING UP THE
PRIZES

London, To-day.

The French Navy announces that three-quarters of the value of any prizes in naval warfare will go to the State.

The remainder will be divided in the proportions of 25 per cent for the officers and 75 per cent for the crew. —Reuter.

ODA LEAVES AGAIN

Mr. Oda, Japanese Consul-General in Hong Kong, left for Japan yesterday morning to report to the Foreign Office on the general situation in South China.

In his absence Mr. Tajiri will officiate as acting Consul-General.

INDIAN YOUTH
MISSING

A 17-year-old Indian lad, Balwant Singh, residing in Balley's Shipyard, Kowloon, has been missing since 8 a.m. on Monday. All attempts to locate the boy during the last four days proved fruitless.

Mr. J. A. Galvin, Director of The Advertising and Publicity Bureau Ltd., left to-day for Singapore by s.s. Cremer. Mr. A. Pollock has been re-appointed Manager of the Hong Kong offices.

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To-day's Wireless

Talk
From
The Studio

12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Nat Gonella and His Georgians with Maxine Sullivan.
Cocktail Swing—Fox-Trot; Blues In My Heart—Fox-Trot. . . . Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
A Brown Bird Singing (In Fox-Trot Tempo) (Haydn Wood). . . . Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Sugar Rose—Fox-Trot; Sing Me A Swing Song—Fox-Trot. . . . Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
The Folks Who Live On The Hill (Kern & Hammerstein 2nd); Darling Nellie Grey (In Fox-Trot Tempo) (Handy). . . . Maxine Sullivan (Vocal) with Orchestra.

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The Mayor Of Alabam—Fox-Trot; Your Feet's Too Big—Fox-Trot. . . . Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Len Green at the Piano.
Melodies of the Month, No. 15. Intro: These foolish things; Would you?; Poor Little Angeline; The glory of love; Lovely lady; Melody from the sky.
Melodies of the Month, No. 20. Intro: Shoe Shine Boy; When the poppies bloom again; No regrets.

1.12 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
Spatsommertag — Waltz (Lohr); Vienna Citizen—Waltz (Ziehrer) . . . Orchestra Mascotte.
Greetings To Vienna—Waltz (Siede); Danube Waves—Waltz (Ivanovici) —arr. Hohne). . . . Orchestra Mascotte.
April Smiles — Waltz (Depret); Spring Waltz (Lincke). . . . Vienna Boheme Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Half an hour of French music.
"Faust"—Waltz (Gounod). . . . Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
"Les Pecheurs De Perles" (Bizet)—Comme autrefois dans la nuit sombre; C'est lui mes yeux l'ont reconnu. . . . Ninon Vallin (Soprano) with Orchestra.
La Chasse (Caprice) (Cartier). . . . Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Marcel Gazelle.
"Manon"—Fantasia (Massenet, arr. Tavan). . . . Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
Ouvre Tes Yeux Bleus (Massenet) . . . Edmond Raimbaud (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Andante In G (Battiste). . . . J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.
7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Orchestre Raymonde and Tino Rossi (Tenor).
Song of the Vagabonds (intro: 'Huguette's Waltz' from 'The Vagabond King'—Friml); Only A Rose (intro: 'Some Day' both from 'The Vagabond King'—Friml) . . . Orchestre Raymonde.
Te Revolt (Parera & Others); Les Fleurs C'est De L'Amour (Montier & Tillmoon). . . . Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra.
By The Sleazy Lagoon (Eric Coates); Chanson D'Amour (Suk). . . . Orchestre Raymonde.
Glow Worm—Intermezzo (Lincke); Indian Mail—Descriptive (Lamotte). . . . Orchestre Raymonde.
Rien Qu'un Chant D'Amour (film 'Naples au balser de feu'); Mia Piccalina (film 'Naples au balser de feu'). . . . Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra.
A Night On The Waves — Finnish Waltz (Koskima); Electric Girl (Helmburgh-Holmes). . . . Or-

chestre Raymonde.
7.40 p.m.—Piano Selections by Raie da Costa.
Jazz Gobins (Raie da Costa); Waltz Romantique (Raie da Costa); "Der Fledermaus"—Selection (Concert Transcription—Strauss arr. Grunfeld); Dancing Butterfly (Young & Petkere); "Waltz Time"—Medley (Strauss, arr. Levy).
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
8.03 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording — 'West from Bristol'. A Programme devised and produced by Francis Dillon.
8.34 p.m.—Rodger Quilter — Three English Dances. New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by J. Ainslie Murray.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—A talk by Professor R. Robertson on the Present Situation.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
"Love Lies"—Selection; "Five O'Clock Girl"—Selection (Ruby) . . . New Mayfair Orchestra.
Sonny Boy (Theme song of the film 'The Singing Fool'). . . . Salon Group (Male Voices) with Orch.
"Lucky Girl"—Selection (Charlig & Meyer). . . . New Mayfair Orch.
"Wake Up And Dream"—Vocal Gems (Porter); "Mister Cinders"—Vocal Gems (Ellis & Myers). . . . Light Opera Company with Orch.
"Funny Face"—Selection (Gershwin). . . . New Mayfair Orchestra.
10.15 p.m.—A Dance Programme.
Quickstep—Goin' Down To Santa Fe Town; Slow Fox-Trot—Rollin' Plains (from the film). . . . Big Bill Campbell & His Hill Billy Band.
Fox-Trots—A Gipsy Told Me (film 'Happy Landings'); When They Played The Polka . . . Horace Heldt & His Alemitte Brigadiers.
Waltz—The Sweetest Song In The World (film 'We're going to be rich'); Fox-Trot—Music, Maestro, Please (from 'These Foolish Things'). . . . Henry Jacques & His Strict Dance Tempo Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—A Tisket, A-Tasket; I Can't Remember Her Name. . . . Billy Cotton & His Band.
Rumbas—Maria, My Own; Green Eyes. . . . Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Procession of the Sirdar; Samum. . . . Sydney Kyte & His Band.
Quicksteps—Who Stole The Jam? (film 'Sally, Irene and Mary'); Swinoin In The Corn (film 'Radio City Revels'). . . . Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
11 p.m.—Close down.



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Both sides vulnerable

♠ K 7 6
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 7 5 3
♣ Q J 10 9
♠ A Q 10 8
♥ A Q 10 8
♦ 4
♣ K 5 2
♠ J 9 5 4
♥ K J 9 7 5 3
♦ K 6
♣ 6

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass 1♠ Pass 2♦
2♥ Dbl. Pass Pass
Pass

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ACE 3
KING 2
QUEEN 1
JACK 0
TOTAL VALUE IN HANDS
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One of our pet aversions is the overcall at the range of two with a suit which is full of holes. Every once in a while the unfortunate player who makes such a bid really finds himself in trouble. South felt that the fact that he had passed originally justified his backing in later. But West's double found him really in a defenseless state. The four of diamonds was opened. East won with the Ace and led the eight of diamonds. West trumped and promptly played the Ace and a low spade. East trumping with the deuce of hearts and now leading the Queen of diamonds.

Poor South ruffed with the Jack. West over-ruffed and played another spade, which his partner trumped. East now cashed the Ace of Clubs and

led the Jack of diamonds. South ruffed with the nine, West over-ruffed again and now cashed his Ace of hearts, drawing North's one trump, whereupon his Queen of spades also became good and the hand was down five tricks for a loss of 1400 points.

Strangely enough, even though East and West had been able to make four-odd defensively at hearts, there would have been a good chance that, left to themselves, they would have gone down at a game contract.

Yesterday you and your partner (Merwin Maier) were vulnerable. You held:

♠ J 5 3
♥ 2 3 3
♦ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♣ Q 10 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

The bidding:

You Burnstone Maier Schenken
Pass 1♠ 2♦ Dbl.
(?)

ANSWER: Pass. While it is possible that three clubs may prove a less disastrous contract, more often than not you will be in even hotter water. You must trust your partner, who should know what he is doing when he makes a vulnerable overcall.

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QUESTION NO. 205

Both sides are vulnerable. You are the dealer and hold:

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♥ 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♦ Q 8 3
♣ 7 6 5 4 3 2

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SPLENDID CONDITION OF LEADING SUBS

The second half of the local racing season will start on Saturday week, September 23, and all arrangements have now been completed. The ponies have been given harder work within the past week, and the majority appear to be ready for the re-opening.

Having dealt with the griffins, China ponies, in my previous article, I will now confine my remarks to subscription griffins, China ponies.

Marksman, champion sub of this season, appears to have benefited from the Summer rest, and a return race with King Kong will be keenly awaited.

King Kong, after remaining in the background during the annual meeting, gave the public a glimpse of its prowess when it defeated Marksman, in the Whitsun Handicap. It is now looking as good as ever and, under the control of Mr. A. W. Raymond, should stand a good chance of winning the Autumn Champions.

Celtic Star, which was placed third in the Whitsun Handicap, is still a bit on the heavy side but with a week to go will probably be in good trim. This pony, if handled by a hard-riding jockey, will score a win or two.

Strathbannock won the First Section of the Boa Vista Handicap for "D" Class ponies at the 2nd. Extra Meeting, but later developed shoulder trouble. The pony is moving very well just now and it seems to have fully recovered from its ailment. It should be watched at future meetings.

Musketeer disappointed the public after winning the Valley Stakes. It has been doing some fast last quarters at the Valley in morning training and indications are that it has recaptured its best form. On that account it should be borne in mind over sprint events.

Chatterbox after winning the Nil Desperandum Stakes at the Annual Meeting did not make another appearance and I doubt whether it will be able to score a win this second half.

Silver Star slipped back badly after winning the Tytam Handicap at the 1st Extra Meeting but is now coming along very nicely, and should it keep on at this rate it should win a race.

Gog, which dead-heated with Phoenix in the Nanling Handicap at the last meeting, is a picture of fitness and will prove a hard nut to crack.

Phoenix is not looking as well as it was before the Summer interval, when it nearly snatched a win from Gog, but it will probably improve as time goes on.

Heddon has been knocking at the door for a win for quite a long time, and, as it is improving daily, it may win a race this second half.

Asat Vale, winner of the Smugglers Plate at the 5th Extra Meeting, is in fine shape and should be considered for events not over a mile.

Kut Cheung is being very patiently trained by Mr. A. W. Raymond and should be kept in mind for sprint events.

Willynilly, Wong-Nel-Chong Stakes winner at the Annual Meeting, has been moving quite well during its morning exercises and should be watched over sprint events.

Among the old Subscription Griffins in training during the past two weeks, I like the look of Rose Evelyn. It is now in fine form and, under the control of Mr. C. Encarnacao, should give a good account of itself.

Bistre has changed ownership since the Summer vacation. It is a bit on the fat side, but, given hard work during the coming week, should improve.

Racing Boy, an ex-champion, is not the "Racing Boy of before", and in my opinion this pony has seen enough of racing and should be given a rest.

Fei Ying, which paid a handsome dividend at the 2nd. Extra Meeting, is at the moment fighting fit and will probably win a race in its class.

Dekko, which won the Lantao Handicap at the last Meeting, looks sluggish in its movements and will probably take some time to regain its old form.

Salvage-Master, which was out of racing during the first half, is now on the course again with Mr. B. L. Tao in the saddle, but, judging from its movement in training, it does not impress and I doubt if it will win a race in "C" Class.

Tabby Cat, sold for a meagre \$15 at the pony auction last June, has regained some of its old form and should account for at least one race.

PONY FALLS BACKWARD

Yet another accident occurred at the Valley this morning, but happily without serious results.

A Chinese riding boy took out Mr. L. Dunbar's new Australian pony J. C. J. No. 61 for its morning exercise and suddenly the pony reared high in the air near the 1-3/4-mile post and fell backwards. No injury was sustained by either, the pony running back to the stables, and later being taken out to complete its exercise under the control of a Russian riding boy.

TWENTY PLAYERS CALLED UP

London, August 31. — Twenty professional players of the Liverpool Club were yesterday called up as Territorials, and two of their players are already serving. This leaves the club with only nine professionals on their books, and to-night at Anfield they are due to play Middlesbrough in a First Division game.

It is possible that some of the players will be released for the match against Middlesbrough. If not, the vacancies will have to be filled with amateurs from the third team.

C.R.C. RETAIN THEIR TITLE

In a game featured by the splendid form of veteran Paul Kong and Lee Yue-wing, Chinese Recreation Club yesterday won the "A" Division of the Lawn Tennis League when they beat Indian Recreation Club, in a replay at Hong Kong Cricket Club, by 6 sets to 3.

C. R. C. led 2-1 after the first round and 4-2 after the second round.

SPORTS PARADE

THE decision that the Hong Kong Football Association will continue with the three divisions of the League this season in spite of the present conditions has resulted in increased activity in all soccer clubs and endeavours are now being made to get teams in shape for the opening games which will be played on October 7.

Several friendly games—three at least—have been arranged for this week-end and though many of the players have not yet put in any practice they will no doubt welcome the opportunity of having a run out. The services are now busily engaged in their own work but it is certain that they will set about their training as soon as convenient.

Several military teams have expressed doubts of being able to carry out any fixed programme of games but it is understood that the Association will consent to all inevitable postponements and will re-arrange the fixture as best possible.

In this regard clubs will be asked to co-operate and it is quite probable that teams may be asked, to play on Sundays and week-days.

Mr. E. Strange of the Hong Kong Football Club stated at the meeting on Monday that the League was completed last season—with the exception of a few games—early in March, so that with any postponements this year, the season might be extended until early May, which position would be no worse than that which existed for several seasons past.

All welcome the decision of Royal Navy to continue in the First Division. All appreciate the difficulties they will encounter in fielding a strong team regularly owing to movements of ships and other causes. They may not meet with the same success as last season but the uncertainty of the composition of their team from week to week will make their presence in the League interesting. Incidentally it is understood that Navy will have the services of at least five of last season's players, who are stationed in H.M.S. Tamar or on shore establishments.

With the uncertain movements of the Navy there may be a shortage of referees for the higher divisions though it is understood that the summer Army classes have produced a number of Third Division officials.

It having now been definitely established that local football will carry on more or less as usual, it follows therefore that cricket will follow suit.

In most cases, however, I understand that there will be a certain amount of delay in starting. By this time, in normal seasons, most clubs have erected nets and players are hard at practice. So far as I have been able to ascertain, no clubs have yet started nets.

I learn that Kowloon Cricket Club, usually the first club to get under way, will not start its season until the first week of next month. Recreio, on the other hand, will probably have their nets up this week.

The senior champions have held their annual meeting and officers for the current season have been appointed. Captain will be A. M. Rodrigues, who led them to victory last season, will E. L. Gosano as his understudy.

P. M. N. da Silva will again be secretary, while captain of the second eleven will be F. H. Carvalho.

Recreio are going to take a lot of holding this year. In addition to all their old caps, I understand they are to have the services of George Souza, formerly of Crescogower, who is rightly considered one of

Biggest surprise in the first round was the victory A. H. Madar and A. R. Minu over W. C. Hung and Iu Tak-cheuk. Had the Rumjahnns beaten Paul Kong and Lee, as they should have done on paper, I.R.C. would have been in the happy position of being a set to the good, which, thus early in the proceedings, would have given them a tremendous psychological advantage.

However, Kong and Lee were not in any way worried by the reputation of the opposition and through brilliant serving and general all-round play went out at 6-4.

Throughout their three sets they were most businesslike in their method. Lee was always in position and very reliable in all departments, while Kong was at his best.

Serving accurately, driving with power and volleying crisply, he was the finest player on view.

The Tsuis, when opposed to the second and third I.R.C. pairs, were devastating. They played every shot in the book with fluency. They made their opponents run all over the court and appeared to take an unholy delight in their discomfort.

DID NOT PAY

Against the Rumjahnns they found that these methods did not pay. The I.R.C. veterans played their usual unpretentious game and worked hard for every point. Result was that they turned a 4-5 deficit into a 7-5 victory which they thoroughly deserved.

Hung and Iu Tak-cheuk gave early signs of being lacking in practice and they were surprised by Madar and Minu. Later they improved somewhat to beat Razack and O. Rumjahn, but of course were no match for the Rumjahnns, fresh from their victory over the Tsuis.

Further comment on the Rumjahnns appears to be unnecessary, but special mention of H. D.'s play must be made. It was little short of H. D. at his best; I cannot describe it better than that.

S. A. was inclined to be erratic, especially overhead. He was also inclined to assume too much of the work, with disastrous results to combination. Nevertheless he gave a good hard-hitting display.

Razack and O. Rumjahn made some remarkable returns but as a combination they were far from good. The latter was too inclined to hug the baseline and the opposition took full advantage of the gaps caused thereby.

Madar and Minu, in winning their first set, can be said to have accomplished all that was expected of them. They staked all in a quest for quick points.

Tsui Wal-pui and Tsui Yan-pui (C.R.C.) lost to S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn 5-7
beat O. Rumjahn and I. M. A. Razack 6-1
beat A. H. Madar and A. R. Minu 6-3

Paul Kong and Lee Yue-wing (C.R.C.) beat S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn 6-4
beat Rumjahn and Razack 6-1
beat Madar and Minu 6-0

W. C. Hung and Iu Tak-cheuk (C.R.C.) lost to S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn 2-6
beat Rumjahn and Razack 6-4
lost to Madar and Minu 4-6

SWEDISH FINAL POSTPONED

Falsterbo, Tuesday.—The international situation has caused the final of the Swedish Amateur Golf Championship here to be postponed indefinitely. Erik Runfelt, one of the finalists, and holder, is an officer, and has been recalled to the Colours.—Press Association.

the most promising of the Colony's younger batsmen, while A. P. Pereira returned from Shanghai towards the end of last season and will again be available.

The first team will therefore probably be selected from the following:—A. M. Rodrigues, E. L. Gosano, A. P. Pereira, P. M. N. da Silva, G. Souza, L. G. Gosano, J. M. Gosano, W. A. Reed, N. A. Baltra, E. M. L. Soares, R. L. Ozorio and A. M. Prata.

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THE BOWLING ALLEYS

THERE have been no further matches since the notes of last week, nevertheless, keenness in indoor bowling, despite the hot weather, has not diminished.

Especially keen have been the men of the two U.S. gunboats that have been in port for the last week or so; they invariably make for the Alleys on leaving their ships.

A particularly pleasing feature of the Alleys has been the fine spirit prevailing between the British and the U.S. Navies. Recently a French ship arrived in port, and, although the majority of its company had never

seen the game before, they were initiated into its mysteries by their British and American contemporaries and are now as keen as mustard.

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It may interest bowling fans to learn that Chas Miller's score of 234 for Ten Pins, made on the 5th. of this month has been beaten by Jack Odell with 243 and unless the latter is beaten before the end of the month, he will have his name engraved on the Watson Shield, the trophy coveted by every frequenter of the Alleys.

Mrs. A. Horton is the leading lady

for Ten Pins with 106 and Mr. Pirrad has the best duck pin score of 131.

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It is learned that U.S.S. Mindanao is contemplating entering a team in the Ewo League, 4th. Tourney, and it is anticipated that this fine team will do very well indeed.

"The Champs" who won the last tourney, will have practically the same team except that Ernie Hearther is away on leave. Their line-up will probably be Dick Venezia, Doc Molthen, Gene Faggiano and Chas. Miller.

The "Aspirants" will be without Goldan but they have one or two players capable of filling in the gap with credit. They will probably be represented by Gaddi, Landolt, Dudridge and one other.

RELICS REMOVED AT LORD'S

London, August 30.—The Long Room at Lord's presented a sad spectacle yesterday. The valuable oil paintings of cricket scenes and celebrities were being taken down ready for removal to a place of safety, together with other relics of the game, including the urn containing the "Ashes," as presented to the Hon. Ivo Bligh by Melbourne ladies in 1883.

During the Great War the M.C.C. treasures were taken to the seat of Lord Beaconsfield, the president.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4172.	Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1890, Cheung Ning Street, To Kwa Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 17,550	\$322	\$13.163
			As per sale plan						

**PUBLIC AUCTION**

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of September, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Chung in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4173.	Between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1890 & 1891, Cheung Ning Street, Ma Tau Chung.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 2,100	\$35	\$13.14
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Traffic Inspector F. J. Clarke stated that defendant was told by a Police Sergeant not to turn his car round outside the China Emporium at about 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday night. Defendant drove on, but turned around and cursed the sergeant. The sergeant signalled to a constable to stop defendant's car. Defendant continued on and drove into Pedder Street on the Hong Kong Hotel side.

Defendant was fined \$20 on the first count and \$50 on the second, and given 24 hours to raise money to pay the fines.

NAZI AIR RAIDS

London, To-day.

The Polish Embassy in London last night announced that up to the day of the entry of Britain and France into the war, German planes had bombed Warsaw and 38 other towns.

The number of deaths was 1,500, including women and children.—Reuter.

Macao, To-day.

Gunfire is now audible in Shek-ki and general evacuation of all civilians is being carried out by the military authorities.

It is admitted that the Japanese have progressed in their advance from Wangmoon to Shek-ki and that heavy fighting is raging east of Shek-ki.

The Chinese are now destroying all roads leading to the coast. Japanese aircraft were active all morning bombing the Chinese positions.—Our Own Correspondent.

ARRESTS IN BUDAPEST

Budapest, To-day.

Several arrests were made in the Hungarian capital yesterday of men accused of spreading false rumours. It is believed that they will be severely dealt with.

Budapest is alive with talk concerning the visit to Germany of Count Csaky and the situation in Slovakia.—Reuter.

CHARTERED BANK DIVIDEND

The Directors of The Chartered Bank of India Australia & China have declared an interim dividend for the past half year at the rate of ten per cent per annum subject to income tax, dividend payable on 4th October.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replying to Sir H. E. Pollock, in Legislative Council said:—The present rule contemplating retirement normally at 55 was adopted in 1932 in the interests of economy and of the efficiency of the public service: it is in line with the pension rules in other parts of the Colonial Empire. The change to that age limit was made with the support of the then unofficial members of Legislative Council and in accordance with the recommendation of the Retirement Commission of 1932. After full consideration Government has reached the conclusion that there are not sufficient grounds to warrant seeking the Secretary of State's approval for a reversal of that decision.

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"Since this Council last met, Great Britain, with her colonies, the British Dominions and India have entered into a war with Germany in defence of the liberty of mankind," said His Excellency the Governor at the opening of this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council.

This war was not of Britain's seeking; indeed she had striven for many years to maintain peace in the world. But when war could only be avoided by the surrender of every honourable principle, she and her ally France took up the challenge of the men who sought to dominate Europe by violence and force.

"We shall maintain the fight in the cause of freedom and of truth until victory crowns our arms," he went on. When would that time come? His Majesty's Government had stated that the Cabinet's policy was based on the assumption that the war will last for three years.

But he could assure them on the very best authority that the British Government did not think that Germany could carry on for that length of time.

At the same time, the Allies will fight and will keep on fighting with all their growing forces until victory is obtained.

As far as Hong Kong is concerned, the war has not taken us by surprise. Many measures have been taken during the last two years, of which he would mention only two.

In November last, legislation was passed for compulsory registration. The Chinese community then demanded an opportunity to show its willingness to assist in the defence of the Colony. A very large number voluntarily registered and ample use is now being made of that.

Last April, the Legislative Council passed the Compulsory Service Ordinance, organizing the man-power of the Colony for its defence.

There are to his knowledge, the Governor continued, many men in the Colony who are eager to go home and fight for their country, and who are now chafing under the restraint. But they are needed for the defence of the Colony, and until the British Government gives word their present positions must continue to be filled.

"They also serve who only stand and wait."

That is cold comfort to those eager to play their part, but I have been officially informed that the military recruiting position of Great Britain is not such as to call hastily from abroad people who can be usefully employed there.

His Excellency expressed appreciation, of the way the Colony had reacted, by their willingness to comply with such measures as Government thought fit to put in to operation. That had been of the greatest possible assistance.

Sir Henry Pollock, said:—I fully share in Your Excellency's confidence that the residents of Hong Kong of every race will do their utmost to help in the defence of this Colony.

Your Excellency may count upon the hearty support of the Unofficial Members of this Council in the passing of any measures which are necessary for the safety of this Colony.

The Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau said:—On behalf of the Chinese Members of this Council, I beg to reaffirm here the message already conveyed to Your Excellency by the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, pledging to the Government the loyal and wholehearted support of the Chinese community in whatever measures which the peace, good order and safety of this colony may demand.

His Excellency the Governor said that he would see that the expressions of opinion by Sir Henry Pollock and Mr. Chau were sent home to the proper quarter.

He had not regarded it as necessary to get the Council to give a formal resolution of its loyalty to the Colony and the British Crown.

In his view, His Majesty the King assumed, as he had every right to assume, that this loyalty was there and it was not necessary for them to express it in so many words.

At the same time, the messages which had gone home over his signature and which would go home would bring great happiness to His Majesty the King.

Paris, To-day.

The Czecho-Slovak army being formed in France will not be a foreign legion or a voluntary corps but will rank as an Allied Army, since the Democracies have not juridically recognised the occupation of Czecho-Slovakia by Germany, Czech sources here announce.

The army will have its own command and general headquarters, which will come under the supreme command of France.

This command will be exercised through a French military mission headed by General Faucher, who for many years held a similar position in Prague.

The army's political representative will be a provisional Czecho-Slovak Government under the premiership of Dr. Edouard Benes, recognition of which by Britain and France is at present under negotiation.—Reuter.

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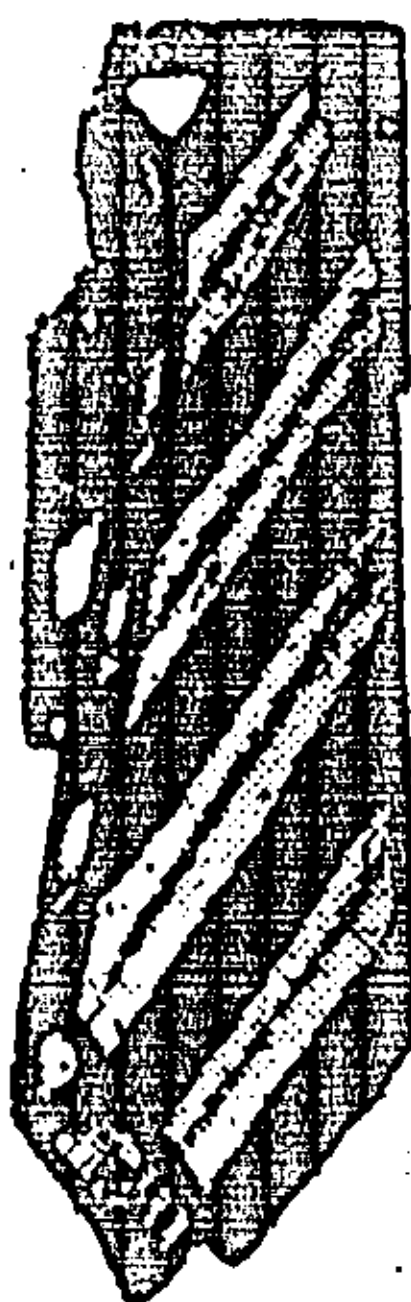
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